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Carter to suspend role in peace talks for now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — U.S. officials, bitterly disappointed by Israel's formal rejection Friday of Egypt's latest peace proposals, said President Carter would let the dust settle before making any new move in the Middle East.

Frustration and unhappiness over the rejection marked the mood at the White House as the president waited for the return of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance from Cairo late Friday.

Carter's reported intention to suspend his role for a time as mediator between Egypt and Israel was based chiefly on the lack of concrete ideas on what the next step should be. Egypt and Israel appeared to be completely deadlocked, and there was a deep feeling that the only course was to wait and hope that the passage of time would lead to new ideas that could heal the rift.

Carter Thursday gave another reason for inaction now by the United States — he had already spent too much effort on the Middle East and had neglected other urgent world problems that required his immediate attention.

U.S. officials agreed that Is-

rael's rejection of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's latest proposals for the Middle East had led to serious differences between Israel and the United States as well as between Israel and Egypt.

Carter said in a televised interview Thursday night that Sadat had been reasonable with at least one of his proposals. Earlier he praised Sadat for the "generosity" of his approach to the peace negotiations and pointedly omitted any mention of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

U.S. officials noted the concern expressed by some officials in Jerusalem that Carter was putting pressure on Israel to accept Sadat's ideas, and their belief that a crisis in U.S.-Israeli relations was building up.

But Carter said Thursday night that he would not reassess U.S. military and economic aid policies as a means of forcing Israel to change its views.

"The security of Israel is paramount," he said. "The continued existence of Israel, their ability to protect themselves adequately, and the ability of the Israeli people to live in peace are paramount..."

above anything else that relates to the Middle East," he said.

Carter, who conferred with Sadat and Begin at Camp David in September, made it clear Thursday night that he did not intend to call another summit.

Sen. Jacob Javits (Republican, New York), a leading supporter of Israel, called on Carter to leave the door open for a new Middle East summit in Washington.

He told a press conference: "I hope the president will not rule out calling Begin and Sadat back to the White House and closing the deal."

In Cairo Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, reached by telephone, said "Egypt will ask for the official text of Begin's statement" before commenting.

But diplomatic sources in Washington told "Arab News" Friday that Egypt has closed down its treaty negotiation headquarters in the American capital and called home the last of its delegation members.

The four remaining Egyptian treaty specialists and an unknown number of support personnel and security men were scheduled to fly back to Cairo Saturday, the sources said.

The Egyptians have evacuated the ninth floor of Washington's prestigious Madison Hotel, used by the negotiators for the past three months as headquarters for the Blair House peace talks.

Sources said Egypt had no plans to reopen the headquarters.

Political observers in Washington saw the pullout of Egyptian staffers as a clear signal that Egypt has no intention of resuming negotiations on the proposed peace treaty with Israel.

An Egyptian official told "Arab News" that Cairo expects the Carter administration to pressure Israel into making the necessary concessions for peace.

Earlier in the day, Begin accused the United States of adopting a "one-sided attitude" favoring Egypt in negotiations with Israel, and charged Egypt with "full responsibility" for the breakdown of the peace talks but said Israel was prepared to continue negotiations for a peace treaty beyond Sunday's deadline set by the Camp David accords.

Saudi Arabia, Zaire criticize foreign involvement in Africa

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Zaire have called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops on the African continent and denounced the use of force to conquer territory.

In a joint communique issued Thursday marking the end of talks between King Khaled and Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko, the two leaders said they hope relations between the two countries continue to be strong.

The communique marked the end of President Mobutu's stay here. He has been in Saudi Arabia for a week at the invitation of the Monarch.

The two leaders said in the document that they believe that Africa should be free to develop its resources and exploit its economic potential for the benefit of the African people and without outside intervention.

They pledged to continue to consult closely and to exchange visits by officials of the two countries at all levels, and said they were satisfied at the progress of Arab-African co-operative efforts.

They said all states are not

only struggling for economic and cultural development but also to be able to consolidate their political independence.

Their goal is a world of work, détente and peace, the communique added.

The two leaders expressed their support for the states that seek independence from colonialism and racism. They denounced the presence of foreign troops in African countries, which they said only helps drag Africa into the arena of strife.

Referring to the Middle East, the two leaders denounced armed aggression to conquer territory. They called for the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied lands including Jerusalem. They also called for the resumption of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including their right to self-determination, return to their unlawfully seized homeland and the formation of an independent state on it.

Mobutu invited the King to visit Zaire at a date to be fixed later.

On Thursday, Mobutu visited the desalination plant in

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Yamani urges OPEC moderation on prices

ABU DHABI, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Saudi oil minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani Friday urged the oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to be "moderate" in their decision to raise crude oil prices.

Yamani made the call in an interview with Abu Dhabi television. The official Emirates News Agency, carried the text of the interview which came on the eve of OPEC's meeting to decide a new oil price.

Yamani said that OPEC members were "unanimous" that the prices should be raised to compensate for losses caused by the dollar devaluation and world inflation.

"So, in principle, a price increase seems to be inevitable. After that, would come the questions of fixing this increase," he said.

Yamani gave no figures, but urged that the increase be spread over the next 12 months, "taking into consideration the long-term interests of OPEC and the adverse effects that a heavy single-dose hike might have on the world market."

In an obvious reference to an oil shortage caused by the events in Iran, Yamani warned that a substantial increase would lead to a decrease in consumption, and create an undesirable competition among OPEC members.

Yamani also declared that Saudi Arabia refuses to replace the dollar with any other currency, or group of currencies, for oil payments saying the dollar will ultimately regain its strength.

In this respect, he said Saudi Arabia's interests were somewhat different from that of the other members of the organization, "because we invest our revenues in dollars."

Yamani said adoption of a basket of currencies as a basis for calculating oil prices would further harm the dollar and prove unprofitable if the crude oil price rose.

Yamani said he expects the dollar to continue to fare weakly in 1979, until the U.S. balance of payments leveled, then to start rising again.

"The dollar recovery then would be long-term, and our behaviour would look unwise and irresponsible if we adopted a basket of currencies then had to come back to the dollar," he added.

Russian Threat
Yamani warned that when the Russians become oil importers, they may use force to secure their oil supplies.

"If my speculation is correct," he said, "when the Soviet Union becomes an oil importing country, it could try to get its share of the oil — even

by force." According to a U.S. Central Intelligence Agency analysis this year, the Soviet Union will become a net oil importer in the next decade.

Yamani's position contrasted with that of Libyan Oil Minister Ezzeddin Mubrouk who said Friday his country would like to see a 20 per cent increase.

Answering reporters' questions, he admitted that such a big rise might harm the economies of the industrialized states. But he said he did not think a 15 per cent rise would harm them if the increase was staggered, with a rise of 10 per cent on Jan. 1 and a further five per cent in the middle of the year.

Such a staggered increase would mean an effective rise of 12.5 per cent for the year and this, he said, would be the minimum acceptable to Libya.

The minister said an increase of five to seven per cent would be "useless," because it would immediately be swallowed up



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

by inflation and the decline in the value of the dollar.

Earlier Friday, OPEC's secretary general Ali Jaidah confirmed that producers intend to lift the price of oil at their meeting, but he refused to speculate on the meeting's precise outcome.

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Dany Chamoun escapes bid on life in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — A top leftist leader Friday escaped unhurt from a seven-hour siege of the American University Hospital (AUH) by leftist gunmen after a remarkable joint effort to contain the crisis by leaders of nearly all rival factions in Lebanon.

Although 42-year-old Dany Chamoun, son of former President Camille Chamoun, escaped injury, a Lebanese army officer was killed and three other persons were wounded in the shooting that accompanied the incident.

"I am really grateful to all those who tried to help in this tragedy, especially Abu Ammar (Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat)," Chamoun said. Also with the rightist leader were Louis Abu Sharaif of the Phalangist Party and Nabil Noujam of Chamoun's National Liberal Party.

"It is unfortunate that all

those conflicting trends which moved to help one or two men in the traditional Lebanese way are still unable to rescue the people of Lebanon," he said.

The younger Chamoun had gone to west Beirut to pay a courtesy visit to Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Ali al-Shaer who was recuperating from a leg wound inflicted recently when his helicopter was fired on while flying over a rightist area.

Gunmen of the leftist Mouabitoun militia found out about the visit and surrounded the hospital. They exchanged automatic weapons fire with Chamoun's escort, killing Lebanese army Lt. Ghassan Oweidat, and injuring another Lebanese soldier and the driver and a body guard of the Saudi ambassador.

As news spread of the siege

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Report says

Iran offshore oil production halted

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Iranian offshore oil production came to a complete halt this week, while onshore crude for export dwindled to a trickle of 600,000 barrels a day, says a confidential report obtained here Friday.

The little oil being exported is exclusively for consortium members — a handful of large companies mostly non-American, said the report by oil industry experts, being circulated among oil companies.

The report was shown to the Associated Press-Dow Jones news service on condition the source remain unidentified.

It said the virtual halt in production came two days ago. Daily production now stood at 1.1 million barrels — one sixth of its usual rate — with the unexported crude, going for domestic consumption.

In Tehran Prime Minister Gen. Gholamreza Azhari warned Iran's 67,000 oil workers to return to their jobs at once or face dismissal.

"I feel ashamed," Azhari said in a radio broadcast Thursday night. "While oil flows under my feet I have to go out and buy oil because some youths are influenced by Iran's enemies."

The strike is currently costing the government more than 60 million per day in foreign exchange earnings and has caused serious shortages of kerosene, gasoline and heating fuel at home.

"In the name of the nation I appeal to the strikers to come back," Azhari said.

Opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini told the oil workers to blow up the rigs if the government tried to interfere in their strike, "one Western diplomat said. "The workers have told the government that there had better not be any harassment or things are going to get much worse."

The opposition National Front, led by Karim Sanjabi, declared its total support for Khomeini's "nationwide day of mourning" Dec. 18 in honor of those killed in pre-Shah riots.

Ayatollah Khomeini, the focus of the opposition struggle, also issued a call from his exile near Paris Friday for Iranians to stop paying taxes and continue the strikes until the Shah is ousted.

He said in a message to his followers that it was their religious and legal duty to disobey the Shah and his government.

The capital meanwhile was relatively quiet Friday with many shops open and the streets filled with shoppers, including many unarmed soldiers, enjoying the sunshine.

But violence erupted in the southern town of Shiraz as army troops opened fire on a procession of mourners carrying through the streets the bodies of those killed in Thursday's political violence.

Witnesses said the procession had provoked many Shiraz citizens into anti-Shah slogans and troops moved in to disperse the mourners. The mourners refused orders to scatter and the troops opened fire.

U.N. calls for ban on weapons to Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — The General Assembly has called for an arms embargo against Israel in a resolution aimed mainly at the U.N. Security Council.

The Iraq-inspired resolution Thursday night came to the assembly with the recommendation of its main political committee, made up of all U.N. members. The 48 Third World sponsors included Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

With 37 countries abstaining, the assembly adopted the resolution by a vote of 72-30, well above the two-thirds majority the charter requires for assembly decisions on "important questions."

Before that, however, the assembly took the position by vote of 70-38 with 26 abstentions that the resolution needed only a simple majority for adoption.

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum took the rostrum to say that since the assembly had agreed the matter was unimportant, "we shall treat their resolution accordingly."

General Assembly resolutions are not binding upon U.N. member nations.

The Assembly resolution says "the continued escalation of Israeli armament constitutes a

threat to international peace and security."

It "calls upon all states to cooperate fully in effective international action to avert this grave menace."

It asks the Security Council, using the binding-sanctions provisions of the U.N. Charter, "to call upon all states...and irrespective of any existing contracts:

"to refrain from any supply of arms, ammunition, military equipment or vehicles, or spare parts thereof, to Israel without any exception"

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Hussein in London after Rome

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan, continuing a tour of Western European capitals to seek support for his country's claims in the Middle East peace negotiations, arrived Friday for talks with British government leaders.

He was accompanied by his wife Queen Noor.

The king's schedule here included lunch with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace, dinner with Prime Minister James Callaghan.

SRMC, Tihama conclude agreement



SEAL DEAL: Saudi Research and Marketing Company chairman and director general Hisham A. Hafiz shakes hands with Tihama's general manager Muhammad Saad Al-Tayeb (left) after signing the advertising representation agreement, as "Arab News" editor-in-chief Muhammad A. Hafiz (right) and Tihama's deputy general manager Isam Basarwi look on.

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — The Saudi Research and Marketing Company has awarded Tihama for Advertising and Public Relations an exclusive Awwal and "Saudi Business" advertising franchise for the The contract begins April 1, company's three publications 1979.

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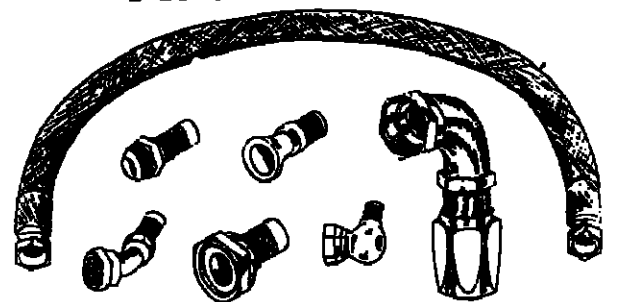
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Kingdom lauds Zia's religious program

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Sheikh Riad Al-Khatib Friday praised the direction Pakistani President Gen. Zia ul-Haq is taking to reform Pakistani law according to the Sharia.

He also commended Zia's efforts to infuse the spirit of Islam into all sections of Pakistani life "in response to popular Muslim demand."

Meanwhile the vice-chancellor of Multan University, Dr. Lutf Ali Quraishi announced that the university would soon introduce a college of Islamic studies and Arabic evening classes and would move to extend relations with Saudi universities.

702 Indonesians died during Hajj

JAKARTA, Dec. 15 (R) — The final group of 307 pilgrims returned home Friday from Mecca, completing a massive airlift operation involving nearly 73,000 Muslims — the largest number of Indonesians ever to make the Pilgrimage.

Officials said 702 pilgrims died this Hajj, including 175 in an aircraft crash last month in Sri Lanka.



HERDERS: Camel herders from the south driving their beasts across the plain below the Taif mountains for slaughter in Mecca.

Firm opens sluice today to irrigate Jizan district

By a Staff Reporter
JIZAN, Dec. 15 — Irrigation of the second of three districts in the Wadi Jizan irrigation project is due to begin Saturday.

The newly completed weir and canals will distribute water from the wadi over a 1480-hectare area. Irrigation of District One, a 790-hectare area, was completed in the first week of December. Irrigation of District Two is expected to take about 10 days.

Farmers in the 648-hectare District Three will receive water in the traditional way directly through the wadi. The structures which will regulate the water flow in this final section of the project are due to be completed by November 1979.

Construction of the SR 142 million irrigation project is being carried out for the Ministry of Agriculture and Water by Saudi Arabian Vianini, a joint venture of the Italian company Vianini and Dr. Ghath Pharon's Saudi

Research and Development Corp (REDEC). Design and construction supervision is being handled by the British Sir William Halcrow and Partners, consulting engineers, under a SR 16 million contract.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is assisting the government in the agricultural development of the wadi.

Taiwan to offer consultancy help

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Republic of China's vice-minister of communications, Chen Shu-hsi Friday visited Jeddah port and the highway east of Jeddah Airport, which is being built by a Chinese firm.

He was accompanied by Deputy Communications Minister Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum.

Chen arrived here Thursday evening on a short visit to Saudi Arabia for meetings with the ministers of communications and industry and electricity to discuss Chinese consultancy services to Saudi Arabia.

World food increase inadequate, Saudi expert says

ROME, Dec. 15 (R) — The Saudi president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) said Thursday that food production increases in most developing countries were grossly inadequate.

Abdel Mohsen Sudairi told the annual meeting of IFAD's governing council that in most developing countries the growth in food production was nearer two per cent than the four per cent target set by the United Nations. In 58 countries, production was not keeping pace with population and in a few countries food production had actually declined, he said.

"A reversal of the trend is necessary not only for humanitarian reasons but to permit real and sustained economic growth in line with the goals of the new international economic order," he said.

IFAD, the newest specialized agency of the United Nations, was set up a year ago with initial resources of a billion dollars. It has 113 members.

Sudairi said the responsibility for increasing food production lies with the developing countries. The solution

appears to be a general development effort, based on intensive agriculture and diversification of the rural economy, he said.

To assist in this, IFAD would where possible use its resources to bring small farmers and the landless people

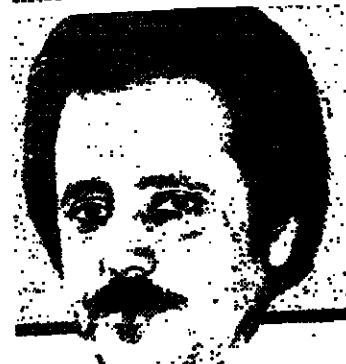
four per cent food production growth target, he said.

In IFAD's first year of activity, low-interest loans totaling \$118 million have been made to 10 developing coun-

tries to boost food production and fight malnutrition.

The lending target for 1979, approved by the executive board, would more than triple this year's figure to \$375 million.

Twelve more developing countries are expected to join IFAD during the current meeting, bringing its membership to 125.



Abdel Mohsen Sudairi

more fully into national development, he said.

Sudairi told delegates the annual flow of external resources available for agricultural development had increased from \$2.7 billion in 1973 to \$3.4 billion last year at 1972 prices.

This is still far short of the amount needed to achieve the

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France decides to reduce contingent in S. Lebanon

PARIS, Dec. 15 (R) — France will shortly reduce its contingent in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon down to the level of other member countries, French officials said Friday.

The 1,500-strong French contingent will be gradually reduced to about 550 officials and men, they said.

Negotiations are under way with U.N. Secretary-General

Auri Waldheim, the officials said, they decided to comment on reports that most combat troops would be removed from Southern Lebanon.

"France made the largest contribution from the beginning to set in motion the U.N. peacekeeping force," one official said. "but now the French government wishes to bring it down to the level of the other

contingents in order to give the force a genuine international character."

France, which has centuries-old ties with Lebanon, sent from the outset the largest single contingent in response to a United Nations call last March. France will mostly certainly agree to an extension of the U.N. peacekeeping force's mandate in Southern Lebanon which is due to expire on Jan. 17, officials said.

Empress Farah will never accept becoming an exile

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Empress Farah of Iran was Friday quoted as saying she would never become an exile and would rather die in her own country.

"The Daily Express," in an exclusive interview, described the 40-year-old wife of the Shah and co-ruler of Iran as she sat at her desk in the

Niavaran Palace outside Tehran and answered a telephone call giving her news of the latest disorders in Iran.

It quoted her as saying after the telephone call: "I would never accept becoming an exile. That would be intolerable. I would rather die here."

The empress was also quoted as saying: "I will not desert my post or my duty. I will pursue my destiny to the end. I love my country and my people profoundly."

"I am concerned, of course, at what is happening. How could I remain indifferent to all these senseless dramas. But I am sure we have the confidence of the people despite this crisis."

The paper said the empress was convinced that the Shah was a victim of his own liberal policies. "I have no doubt of this," she was quoted as saying.



Empress Farah

Iraqi-Soviet relations ideal, commentary says

BAGHDAD, Dec. 15 (R) — A government newspaper said Friday Iraq had ideal relations and a strategic alliance with the Soviet Union.

Commenting on the visit earlier this week to the Soviet Union by Saddam Hussein, deputy chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Coun-

cil (RCC), "al-Gumhuriya" said:

"Cooperation between the two countries has been established on the basis of exemplary relations, unprecedented in their inclusion of the fundamental requisites of firmness, continuity and mutual interest."

BRITISH EMBASSY

The British Embassy will be closed from Monday 25 to Friday 29 December 1978 inclusive and on Monday 1 January 1979.

Quake hits S.W. Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 15 (R) — An earthquake shook southwestern Iran Thursday, but first reports said there had been no casualties or serious damage.

Iran has been hit by a series of tremors.

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Council extends mandate of U.N. troops in Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (R) — The Security Council has extended the mandate of the U.N. Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) for another six months, until June 15, 1979.

The vote Thursday night was 14 in favor and none against, with no abstentions.

China, in accordance with Egyptian piece auctioned at record price

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (R) — A world record auction price for an Egyptian antiquity was set when a limestone figure of a Pyramid builder sculpted in about 2290 B.C. fetched \$280,000.

The sale of the small, broad-shouldered figure to a European private collector at an auction of Roman and Egyptian art by Sotheby Parke Bernet set a record price for both an Egyptian piece and a piece from the ancient world.

The previous record \$26,000 paid in 1972 for a face of Sphinx of Amenhotep III.

Art dealers said the high price may reflect the keen interest in Egyptian art sparked by an exhibition here of King Tutankhamun treasures.

its traditional position on U.N. peace-keeping operations, did not take part in the vote in the 15-nation council.

UNFICYP's current mandate expired Friday.

The force, now comprising 2,482 men, was first sent to the island in 1964 to help keep the peace between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

It comprises troops from Austria, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden, as well as small civilian police contingents from Austria and Sweden.

Ethiopia bombs towns, Somalia informs U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (AP) — Somalia has told the United Nations Ethiopia had bombed Somali border towns for the second time in two weeks in a "deliberate provocation to armed confrontation."

The report of conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia comes against a background of open fighting earlier this year between Ethiopian forces and Somali separatists in Ethiopia's disputed Ogaden province.

A message from Somali Foreign Minister Abdurahman Jama Barre reporting raids

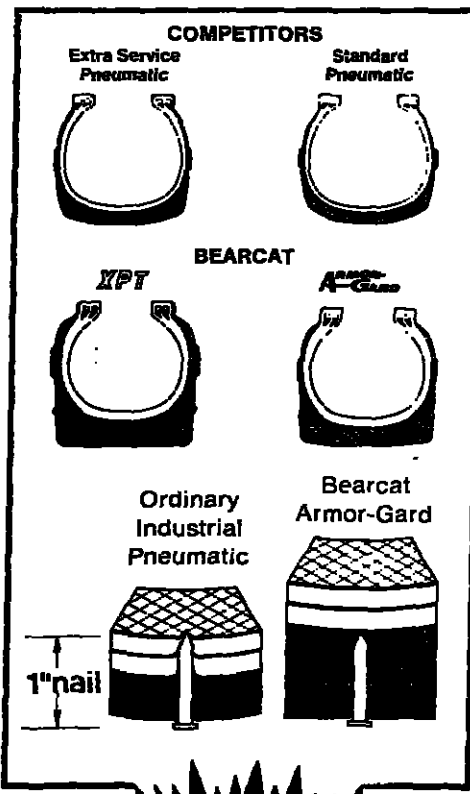
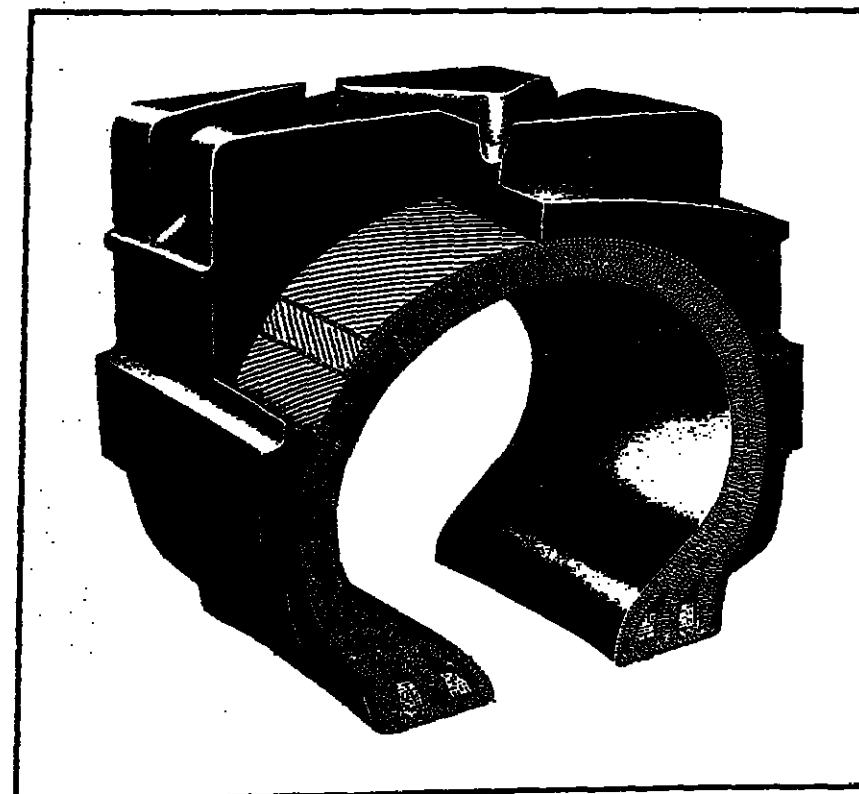
Dec. 12 on the towns of Gabiley, Taysa, Ijaara and Kalabaydh was circulated to U.N. members. The Somali mission to the United Nations Thursday said the towns were within about 50 miles of the border in northwestern Somalia.

On Dec. 6 Somalia had reported raids a week earlier on the towns of Gabiley and Ab-dulkadir.

The latest message, addressed to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, called the raids "violent acts of aggression and flagrant violation of territorial integrity."

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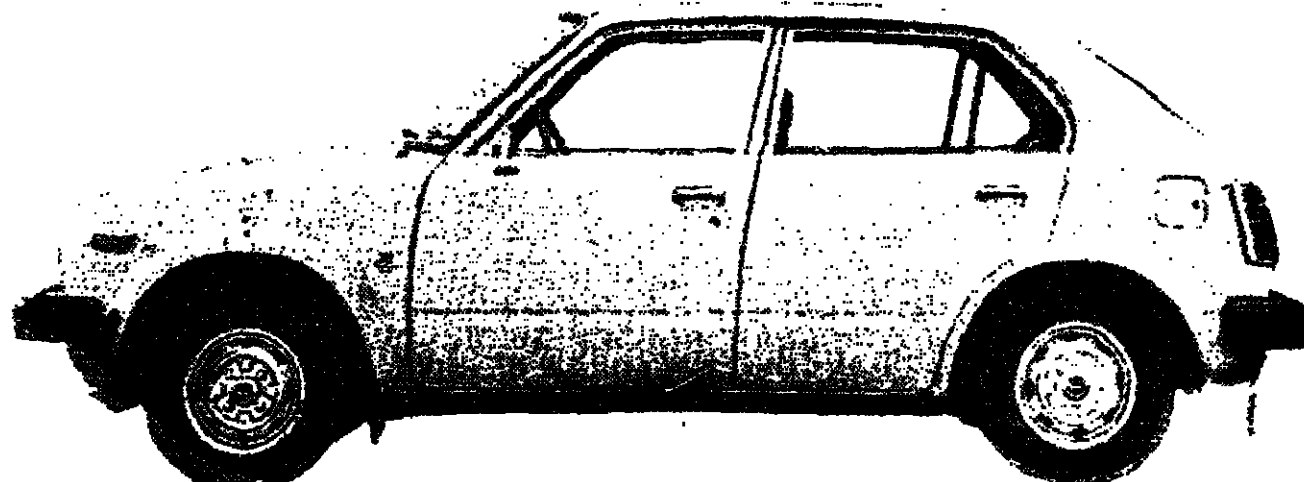
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Parliament votes Monday

Motion to jail Indira likely to pass

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (R) — Prime Minister Morarji Desai has introduced a parliamentary motion — considered certain to be passed — to imprison ex-Premier Indira Gandhi and expel her from the lower house.

Desai's Janata Party has an overwhelming majority in the house and is certain to pass the motion which calls for Mrs. Gandhi's imprisonment until the current session of parliament ends Dec. 22.

The vote will be held Monday.

McDonnell Douglas charged over airplane sales kickbacks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission has accused the McDonnell Douglas Corp. of breaking securities laws by failing to disclose \$8.3 million in payments to foreign officials and airlines.

The allegations, which have had already been disclosed, were part of many civil complaints the SEC has taken against companies it believes have made kickbacks to foreign countries.

The payments themselves are not illegal, but the SEC says they must be disclosed to stockholders.

The SEC said Thursday that the St. Louis aircraft maker has been responsible for undisclosed payments of \$4.6 million to foreign government officials and officials of government-owned airlines since 1969. It spent at least \$3.7 million in payments to private airline officials, it said.

In addition, it said, McDon-

nell Douglas made commission payments of at least \$7.3 million, which were channeled to foreign government and foreign airline officials.

The payments did not show up properly on McDonnell Douglas' books or in statements to stockholders, the SEC said.

The SEC asked the U.S. District Court in Washington for a permanent injunction preventing McDonnell Douglas and its officers from violating securities laws.

jay's business activities three years ago.

Desai is determined to thwart a political comeback by Mrs. Gandhi who returned to parliament with a stunning by-election victory in South India early this month.

If parliament passes his motion, the former premier would lose her seat.

But she will have the right to contest by-elections again any time during this parliament, which ends in 1982.

Mrs. Gandhi told parliament Wednesday she was ready to go to jail.

"My box has been packed these several months. We had only to put in the winter things," she said.

The Janata Party appeared sharply divided at first on what punishment to give Mrs. Gandhi, but hardliners have prevailed.



CONFIDENT: Prime Minister Callaghan, who won a Parliamentary vote of confidence on his pay policy Thursday night.

Hemmed in on pay

Callaghan may call spring election

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Parliament rose for the recess Friday as speculation swelled that Prime Minister James Cal-

laghan will be forced to call a spring election.

After a bruising week in the House of Commons, the minority labor government gained a reprieve Thursday night with a 300 to 290-vote victory on a crucial confidence motion.

But in the process Callaghan was forced to jettison one of his most potent weapons in the battle against inflation, the dominating issue in British politics.

After two parliamentary defeats, he had to lift sanctions against private firms which flout his efforts to limit wage increases to five per cent.

He told MP's this would have the effect of "tying one hand behind our backs" in the struggle to keep down inflation. It was announced Friday that the annual rate of inflation had risen to over eight per cent for the first time for seven months.

With trade unions, employ-

ers and parliament ranged against his tough pay policy, Callaghan said the government would hold talks next week to try to hammer out an agreement with workers and management.

Baader-Meinhof couriers jailed after helping state

STUTTGART, Dec. 15 (R) — Two young West Germans who confessed to acting as couriers for the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group — and incriminated the group's defense lawyers — have been sent to prison.

Volker Speitel, 28, a former art student who said he supplied the pistol used by terrorist leader Andreas Baader to kill himself in jail last year, was jailed for three years and two months for supporting a terrorist organization.

Hans-Joachim Dellwo, 27, received a two-year sentence on the same charge.

Judge Eberhard Fottli said they acted as couriers for the "Red Army Faction," as the Baader-Meinhof group called itself, were mitigating factors. The two were arrested a year ago.

Speitel told the court at the opening of the trial a month ago that he had procured the pistols with which Baader and Jan-Carl Raspe committed suicide in Stuttgart's Stammheim Prison 12 months ago.

Peking to alter youth labor program

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (AP) — China disclosed Friday that Mao Tse-tung's program of sending educated youth to the farms will be modified and the number gradually reduced.

The new policy was announced by Vice-Premier Chen Yong-kuei, who reported that since the exodus from the cities to the countryside began nearly 30 years ago, 16 million had spent a varying degree of time there.

More than 900,000 married and settled down permanently, the Hsinhua news agency quoted him as saying.

The party's action in revising the program, but permitting it into continue "for a number of years to come," was in apparent response to recent criticism in Peking wall posters.

The program chiefly affected graduates of middle schools.

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Rhodesia claims acquiring Vietnam-style helicopters

SALISBURY, Dec. 15 (Agencies)—Rhodesia has obtained American Bell 205, "Huey", helicopters and is using them against black guerrillas, military headquarters says.

There was no indication of how the helicopters entered the country and it would not say how many had been brought in.

But military sources said the helicopters would give the Rhodesian Air Force considerably increased firepower and striking ability.

In Washington, administration sources said the U.S. was investigating reports that 11 "Huey" helicopters had been smuggled into Rhodesia.

The sources said that although the Huey is a civilian model, it can easily be re-equipped and equipped with ma-

chine-guns—as was done by the U.S. in Vietnam.

The news gave an immediate fillip to Prime Minister Ian Smith's beleaguered white supporters. Their morale took a dive this week with the burning by guerrillas of millions of litres of fuel at a storage depot in Salisbury and the loss of thousands of tons of chromium ore which was confiscated in Holland en route to an undercover export client.

In London Prime Minister James Callaghan told the House of Commons Friday that he intended to set up a special commission of enquiry to sift allegations that British companies had supplied oil to Rhodesia over 10 years.

The allegations, made in

the so-called Bingham Report after top lawyer Thomas Bingham had carried out a 17-month investigation, had angered legislators and African leaders alike. The report had found that Shell and BP, two of Britain's biggest oil companies, had been supplying Rhodesia with oil either directly or by swap arrangements with foreign oil companies based in South Africa.



Ian Smith

Laos attacks Thai patrols on Mekong

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Tension mounted along the Thai-Laotian border Friday following two attacks by Laotian troops stationed along the Mekong River bank on Thai navy patrol boats on two consecutive days, Thai authorities said.

A military spokesman said Friday that a Thai patrol boat with three crew members aboard was on a routine mis-

sion on the Mekong River across from Nakhon Phanom Province Thursday when Laotian troops bombarded it with rockets and seized it.

In another incident Wednesday, three navy men were feared dead when Laos troops attacked and sank their boat with rocket-propelled grenades on the Mekong River across from Mongkhai Province.

Scientists puzzled

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California Dec. 15 (AP)—A faint glow never before observed has been detected near the 900-degree Fahrenheit surface of Venus by two of the five American spacecraft that pierced its cloudy atmosphere, scientists said.

But Pioneer Venus experts disagreed on what may have caused the effect observed by light meters on the two probes, which fell on the dark of the planet.

One scientist theorized that the Venusian atmosphere, thick with carbon dioxide and other gases, may be so hot that it burns spontaneously near the planet's surface. Another suggested that something on the planet's mountainous surface may be luminous.

The assessments came during a final summary of data gathered by scores of scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center here. The information was transmitted from the probes, the first multi-craft project to look at another planet.

Four of the probes crashed to the surface and one burned up in the atmosphere. A sixth is in orbit about the planet.

The scientists also said the early information confirms that Venus' atmosphere is an ex-

Kaunda takes 80% of votes

LUSAKA, Dec. 15 (Agencies)—Dr. Kenneth Kaunda was sworn in Friday for his fourth term as president of Zambia after winning a decisive vote of confidence in last Tuesday's presidential and general elections.

Kaunda, 57, captured more than 80 per cent of votes cast, confirming the dominant position he has held in his country's political life since it gained independence from Britain 14 years ago.

Despite serious economic problems leading to high unemployment and shortages of basic goods, as well as raids into Zambian territory by Rhodesian forces, nearly 70 per cent of the electorate turned out to vote. Around 10 per cent of votes were still to be counted.

Kaunda, who was the sole candidate for the presidency



Kenneth Kaunda

under Zambia's six-year-old one-party system, needed more than 50 per cent of the vote to be returned.

His convincing victory cleared the way for Kaunda to press ahead with important international and domestic initiatives—the drive to bring majority rule to neighboring Rhodesia, and the urgent need to revive Zambia's economy, crippled by low copper prices, disrupted trade routes and agricultural neglect.

The ruling party evidently managed to convince Zambians that Dr. Kaunda was not at fault for Zambia's economic depression and market shortages. The victory could also be seen as an endorsement of his costly role at the front-line of the southern African conflicts. Still, the percentage of the "no" vote was nearly double that of the last election in 1973, when there was a 40 per cent turnout.

200,000 facing famine in Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Dec. 15 (R)—Famine has hit 200,000 people in the Ethiopian provinces of Wollo, Gondar, Tigray and Shoa and the government will launch a campaign to raise \$35 million needed to alleviate the disaster, Addis Ababa Radio said Friday.

Hai Hong skipper to be detained

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Indonesian skipper and 18 crew members of the Hai Hong, the ship that brought 2,441 Vietnamese refugees to the coast of Malaysia will be detained until an investigation is completed, government officials said Friday.

Chinese meal grounds Italian aide

PEKING, Dec. 15 (R)—A Chinese airliner's crew delayed a flight carrying an Italian cabinet minister for over 20 minutes because they wanted their lunch-break before taking off, according to a complaint published in "The People's Daily" Friday.

Kidney transplants come of age

BOSTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—New techniques have so dramatically reduced the danger of often fatal infection in kidney transplants that the surgery is now "an attractive alternative" to dialysis treatment, doctors say. The techniques were developed at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, where the world's first kidney transplant was performed in 1954.

'Roots' author settles out of court

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Author Alex Haley settled a plagiarism suit out of court Thursday, acknowledging that another writer's work found its way into his hugely successful best seller, "Roots," a federal judge announced. Judge Robert Ward, who presided over a five-week non-jury trial in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, said Haley apologized to the writer, Harold Courlander.

Would-be nuclear sub thief guilty

SAINT LOUIS, Mo. Dec. 15 (AP)—Edward Mendenhall, 24, has been convicted of wire fraud in connection with an allegedly bogus plot to steal a U.S. nuclear submarine from its Atlantic coast base in Groton, Connecticut.

People's Temple assets put at \$10m

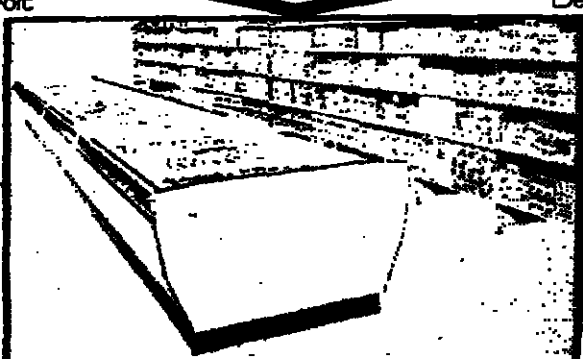
GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 15 (AP)—The People's Temple led by the Rev. Jim Jones had cash assets of at least \$10 million, government sources familiar with the investigation into the cult's mass suicide-murder have said. The temple settlement also owned a number of trucks, tractor-trailers, bulldozers and other vehicles.

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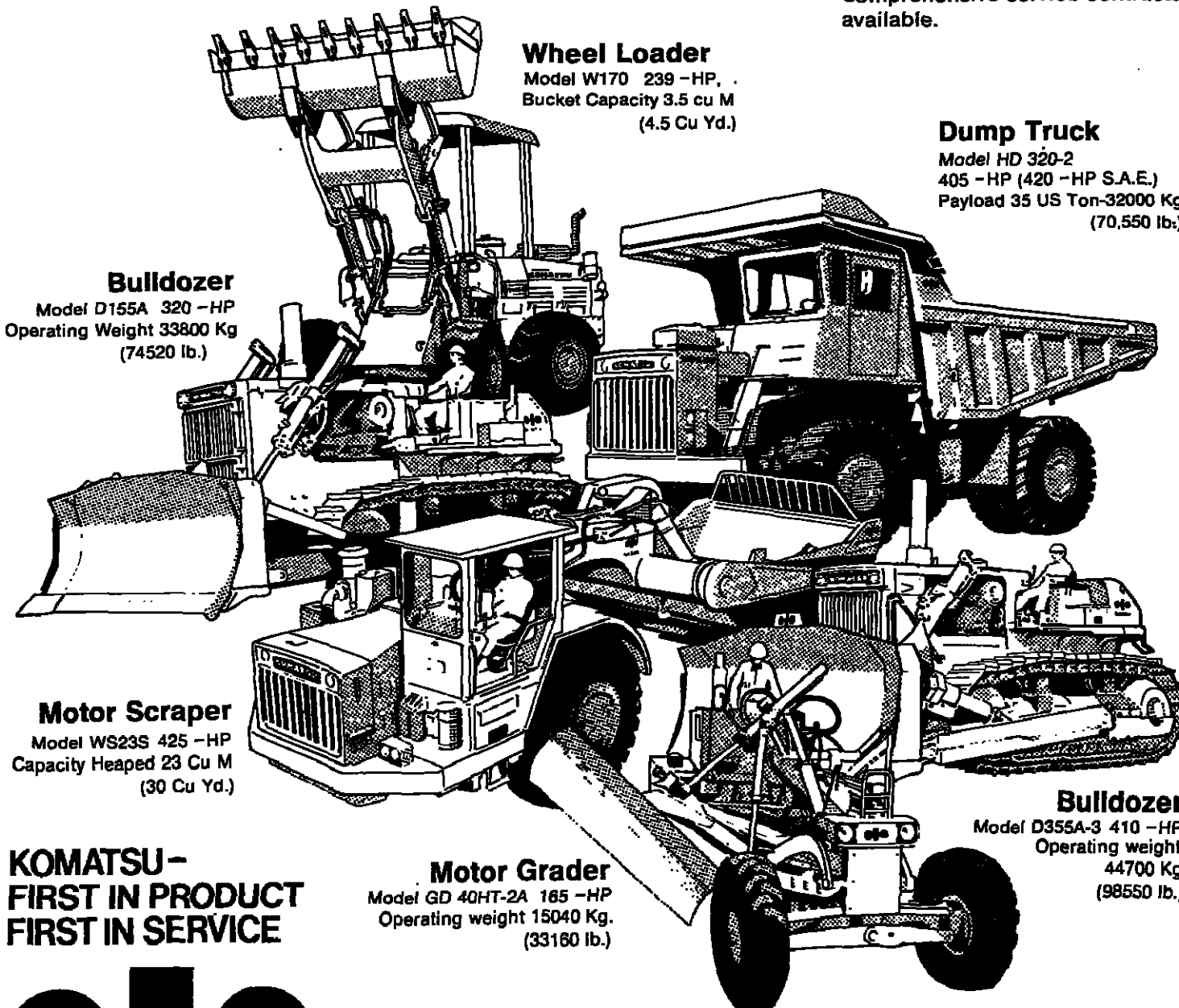
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The new Japan?

By Mark Murray

SEUL — Europe has belatedly woken up to the potential of one of the success stories of the seventies — the booming South Korean economy.

There are two attractions: a market growing a staggering 15 per cent a year, unaffected by recession, as the Koreans aim for a heavy industry economy by the mid-1980s, while also adding muscle to resist successfully any new North Korean invasion; and, secondly, the siren chorus from Seoul that says, "Together we can beat the Japanese."

Korean government and business leaders closely watch their Japanese neighbors and are determined not to make the same mistakes.

Korea's tightly competitive light industries — textiles, shoes, handbags, electronic goods, etc. — are running into protectionist sentiment in Europe, in part a backlash from the Japanese success. Hence, in Seoul, there is a firm determination to put as much distance as possible between Korean and Japanese industries to convince Europe it is not facing "double trouble."

"We don't want to be regarded as the 'new Japan'" says one senior government economist, "especially if it drags us into the sort of battles the Japanese are now having. We don't want to have to revalue our currency for a long time."

Instead, the Koreans are quietly accepting restrictions on their exports to Europe where necessary. They will compensate by concentrating on improving quality and, therefore, higher prices, while, at the same time, opening up new markets in "non-quota areas" like Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America.

And to meet European protectionism, the Koreans (unlike the Japanese) are throwing open the door and literally

begging, "Please sell to us". The fact is, Korea has a trade surplus with everyone but the Japanese — and a \$3 billion deficit there wipes out all the preceding profit. Senior government officials stress that they want to cut that deficit by boosting trade with Europe.

They have also woken up to the fact that over the past two decades they have been, to put it crudely, "coned" by their powerful neighbors across the Japan Sea.

A senior British diplomat explained: "They have discovered that the Japanese have been selling them old, worked-out technology, which was originally imported from Europe anyway."

"So now, the Korean attitude is that 'we'd be better off buying the new technology direct from Europe'. Everyone keeps telling them they can't possibly do this or that, but they go ahead and succeed anyway. And they feel that they can go straight to tomorrow's technology without worrying about yesterday's or today's."

As to policy, "our attitude is to work within any quotas that Europe might impose on the one hand, and improve our bargaining position on the other by importing more goods from them," says Kim Duk Chong, president of Daewoo Industries (a conglomerate making everything from jeans to advanced electronics) and also chairman of the association of 13 major trading houses.

Given a deliberate Korean policy of operating an overall trade deficit of around \$2 billion this year and next (part of a government plan to meet the fast-growing aspirations of its work force, which has won 30 per cent or more in wage increases annually the past few years) there is plenty of room in this corner of north Asia for energetic foreign businessmen. — (OFNS)

Shooting diplomacy

By Miguel C. Suarez

BANGKOK —

After the success of "ping-pong diplomacy," which has resulted in increasingly friendly relations between China and the United States, Peking may have begun sounding out American officials on the desirability of a yearly shooting meet between the two countries.

The Chinese shooting delegation at the ongoing eighth Asian Games here denied it, but the American coach of the Thai marksmen said the suggestion was broached to him by a Chinese coach in an informal chat early this week.

Leroy Johnson, an American officiating at the Games shooting competitions, said in an interview Friday that Frank Briggs had told him "The Chinese made the first move."

Briggs, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and an adviser of the U.S. coaches program and of the junior Olympic shooting program, left for Jordan Wednesday after a month of training and coaching the Thai team.

Chinese shooting officials here, including team manager Chin Tsien-fu, denied Friday any such conversation had taken place.

"I did not discuss anything with him and I don't know of any such discussion," Chin said. He added, however, that he was going to "check later whether he (Briggs) talked with individual shooters."

"Before Frank left, he told

me a Chinese coach asked him to sound out officials of the U.S. International Team and other shooting officials," said Johnson, 51, of Montgomery, Alabama and a long-time resident in Thailand.

"So they deny it, eh," he said. "Well, Frank said he approached the Chinese coach just to strike a conversation on China's shooting program and the coach, in his own way of saying it said 'it would be nice to have a shooting competition between our countries once a year.'"

Although a host of exchanges of cultural and sports visits has taken place since China launched the ping-pong diplomacy in 1972 by inviting over an American table tennis team, the reported meet, if it pushes through, will be the first regular sports competition between the two formerly hostile countries.

Johnson quoted Briggs as saying the Chinese proposed to have the meet held alternately in China and the U.S. every year.

"Frank didn't say what exactly he'd do next, but what I understand is that he's supposed to sound out the international team manager and officials of the National Rifle Association of America," he added. (AP)



Oil price increase: How much

By Robert McCartney

ABU DHABI —

The annual session of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has already agreed on the need to hike the world's oil price, but the conference opens Saturday in a tense atmosphere strained by rebellion in Iran, the world's second biggest oil producer.

Oil ministers gathered here say OPEC's 13 member states must only decide on the size of the price boost, which is widely expected to fall somewhere between 5 and 10 per cent.

That accord contrasts with last December's meeting, where moderate Saudi Arabia pushed through a price freeze and with the 1976 conference, where the organization set two separate oil prices in a two-tiered system that lasted six months.

But the long-range view at the OPEC meeting is dominated by the prospect that the global petroleum industry and regional political balance in the Gulf could be radically altered by developments in Iran.

Strikes by anti-Shah oilworkers have recently reduced Iran's output by nearly 80 per cent, and Iraq's Petroleum Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim said OPEC members might have to boost their output to maintain a balance between supply and demand.

Many factions in the opposition have also called for expulsion of foreign technicians and executives who have previously helped Iran to produce about six million barrels of

crude oil a day. Finally, smaller, conservative states in the Gulf would lose one of their strongest supporters if Iran were to drop its effective political alliance with the non-Communist industrialized countries.

These states, such as Kuwait, Qatar, and OPEC host United Arab Emirates, "are very oriented toward free enterprise," and establishment in Iran of a state with possible socialist leanings "would be a serious cause for concern," for the West, according to a senior diplomatic source here.

Earlier this year, oil industry analysts generally believed OPEC would settle for a price boost of only five per cent for 1979. The price of a 42-gallon barrel of standard grade petroleum presently stands at \$12.70.

The relatively modest five per cent estimate was due to an oversupply of petroleum that helped to restrain prices in world markets. Since mid-June, however, the glut has disappeared, and Libyan Oil Minister Ezzeddin Mabrouk said the market could presently absorb a sizeable price rise.

The excess of production last summer was estimated at two to three million barrels a day, or about 10 per cent of total output. It was absorbed partly by the Iranian cutbacks, and partly by stockpiling of oil petroleum companies in anticipation of a price rise.

A five per cent increase in the price of crude oil is estimated to raise the cost of gasoline at the pump in the United States by about one-half cent,

and would add about seven billion dollars a year to OPEC revenues.

OPEC members point out that they are suffering serious losses in the purchasing power of their oil revenues because of inflation and the slide in value of the U.S. dollar with which they're paid. In the past two years, OPEC economists estimate that their real revenues have dropped by at least one-third.

Efforts to estimate the size of the expected price hike are complicated by the expressed desire of many delegations to stagger the increase over several small rises during 1979.

A Kuwaiti newspaper has speculated that OPEC might opt for an immediate five per cent hike on Jan. 1, and three boosts of two per cent spaced out evenly over the remainder of the year.

If that estimate proved correct, and if each percentage increase were compounded, then a barrel of oil would sell for \$14.15 by the end of 1979, or a year-to-year increase of 11.4 per cent. Because some of the price jump would be postponed until later in the year, however, the average, or weighted increase over all of 1979 would be only 8.2 per cent.

The aim of the staggered increases is to avoid once-a-year price shocks that disrupt the world economy. Oil accounts for ten per cent of global trade.

In addition to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Libya and the small Gulf states, OPEC includes Algeria, Venezuela, Ecuador, Nigeria, and Gabon. — (AP)

saudi press review

"Al-Medina" commented Thursday on Prince Sultan's appeal to Saudi youths to join the armed forces.

The defense minister made the appeal during the graduation of a new class of pilots at the King Faisal Air Academy.

"Al-Medina" said the appeal "is another reminder of the sacred duty of every Saudi to serve his armed forces to the best of his ability." The paper said Saudi forces "are always ready to take part in any battle to defend Arab and Islamic rights" and added that these forces have "done their best during many of the battles that took place in the Arab world against the aggressors."

The paper urged Saudi youths to heed the appeal of the defense minister and hasten to serve their country.

"Oksa" Thursday said that an oil price increase was inevitable. "The reason is that the industrialized nations, which have an effective role to play in the world economy, have failed to provide the right circumstances that combine to stabilize the price of oil."

"Oil" the paper said "is a strategic commodity whether by reason of its quantity or its price as far as the world economic well-being is concerned." Thus it is crucially important to have an understanding and dialogue between the producers and the

consumers. But such a dialogue of necessity means a give-and-take arrangement. The industrial states should contribute to oil price stabilization instead of the fanfare on the impending rise in oil prices. The oil producers cannot go on forever sacrificing their interests in the service of the consumers knowing well that what they are selling is not inexhaustible. Oil prices must rise at least to strike a just balance between oil and the manufactured goods made and sold by the industrial states and also to goad the industrial states into finding alternatives to oil before oil supplies are exhausted."

"Al-Bilad" said President Carter may already be contemplating some form of economic pressure on Israel to persuade it to be more flexible. This was supported by Senator Robert Byrd, the majority leader, who said that Congress might be forced to withhold economic assistance to Israel should it persist in its present policy of "inflexibility."

The paper said that the behavior of Israel during the last 30 years warrants a tougher American attitude and it recalled the late President Eisenhower's forceful leadership that compelled Israel to withdraw from the Sinai in 1956 during the tripartite aggression against Egypt by Britain, France and Israel.

Iraqi-Syrian national charter

By Bernd Debusmann

BAGHDAD —

Syria and Iraq regard their new alliance as a turning point in Arab history, despite foreign scepticism.

Foreign diplomats here recall the failure of other unions in the quarrelsome Arab world, unresolved policy differences between Syria and Iraq and the difficulties of surmounting more than a decade of suspicion.

But officials both here and in Damascus appear genuinely convinced that the Syrian-Iraqi "national charter for joint action" will succeed where other alliances failed.

Signed in Baghdad on Oct. 26, the charter brought the Arab world's two biggest military powers — apart from Egypt — together in a pledge to "bring about the closest form of ties of unity."

It was a direct and unexpected result of the Camp David agreements between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and President Jimmy Carter.

"It is not strange that two countries differ and then make up their differences," said Iraqi Information Minister Saad Qassem Hammoudi. "It would have been strange if we had not made up."

Privately, Iraqi officials concede that the main points of contention in the protracted Baathist feud remain unresolved and that the two countries continue to hold opposite views on how to solve the 30-year-old Middle East conflict.

Syria is still in favor of a negotiated settlement. Iraq still insists, though less loudly than there can be no peace, no recognition and no negotiation with the "Zionist entity."

"The Iraqis have not become moderates," said a senior Western diplomat here. "They have become more flexible... but their basic policy has not changed."

Hammoudi echoed similar sentiments: "We are still against any compromise. Iraq does not recognize Israel. The same applies to negotiations."

He added: "The most obvious reason for the (Syrian-Iraqi) charter was Camp David, which represents a threat to the security of all the Arabs."

Iraq and Syria share the fear that Israel will strike at its Arab neighbors once President Sadat has finally signed Egypt out of the confrontation with the Jewish state.

"It is a flimsy base for a lasting alliance," said a sceptical foreign diplomat. But Iraqi officials believe their alliance will last because the two countries can complement each other economically, geographically and militarily.

Hammoudi added: "Between Syria and Iraq there is unity of mind, there is compatibility."

However, this unity has not yet embraced all members of the lower party echelons, not surprising after more than a decade of a quarrel which has swung from a previous attempt at unification to the brink of warfare.

Close cooperation would benefit both countries — as it would have over the past decade. Assured access to the oil pipeline from Iraq's northern oilfields through Syria to the Mediterranean would enable Iraq to develop the full potential of its oil reserves.

They are estimated at second only to those of Saudi

Arabia but Iraq's production has been limited through closure of one pipeline. Baniyas on the Syrian coast. April, 1976, in a dispute of transit fees.

The row, aggravated by bitter Iraqi condemnation of Syria's intervention in Lebanon, cast Syria badly as a foreign currency from transit fees and forced Iraq to divert exports to the Gulf. In 1976, Iraqi oil production dropped by more than 10 per cent.

With an annual oil income of some \$13 billion, Iraq is rich enough to finance development projects in Syria whose economy is far from healthy.

And if Syria and Iraq managed to draw Jordan into their planned union, they would form an economic unit of more than 20 million people with a large reserve of relatively well-trained manpower. There is already close Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation.

The national charter stipulates "the formulation of joint defense pact providing the ground-work for complete military unity between the two countries."

Together, they field almost 450,000 men, about 750 combat aircraft, and 4,400 tanks. Merged into a single fighting force under a joint command, they would pose a genuine threat to Israel and would partly compensate for the withdrawal of Egypt.

The first tangible result of the Iraqi-Syrian national charter has been the reopening of their joint border and the resumption of flights between Damascus and Baghdad by the two countries' national airlines. — (R)

Peking looks for scapegoats

By Jay Mathews

HONG KONG —

The latest outpouring of protest in Peking reveals how shaky are the nation's top level political compromises and how much concern exists over resistance to the modernization of the Chinese economy.

Like many other experienced governments faced with sudden difficulties, Chinese administrators are blaming the press. An unpopular series of decisions by the Communist Party Central Committee after a 1976 Tiananmen Square demonstration inspired last month's wallposter writers and sidewalk orators. But a massive report on the 1976 troubles released by the official New China News Agency blames it all on editors and reporters of the "Peoples Daily" who spread rumors to "mislead the central committee."

The latest clamor is not likely to abate finally until several members of that central committee who are still there turn over power to friends of pragmatic Vice Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping, the hero of the wallposter authors.

Teng's men would probably also like an official rank list for the ruling party politburo that gives them clear prominence over holdovers from the days of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, when pragmatic policies like worker bonuses and improved consumer goods were in disfavor.

In a protocol-conscious society like China, such ratings directly influence policies that

change people's lives. The last few years in which top leaders have been listed largely by the equivalent of alphabetical order, rather than by actual influence, have not been very stable times. Teng's men, only recently returned from years of political disgrace, need as much authoritative evidence as possible that they are back on top so that lower level officials will obey their orders quickly and without complaint.

The outpouring of protest on Peking's streets gets a great emotional charge from the fact that many friends of these recently rehabilitated leaders have still not recovered the jobs and benefits they lost in previous purges. They feel they have been wronged and are due a better deal from the new post-Mao government. But like all bureaucracies faced with sudden political change, Peking has delayed and spent time looking for scapegoats, thus making the poster writers even angrier.

The Tiananmen demonstration of April 5, 1976 proved that spontaneous political movements were possible in authoritarian China. The April 5 demonstrators defied the official effort of that day to discourage praise of the pragmatic policies of the deceased Premier Chou En-lai. Now they have been vindicated and their audaciousness has been praised. But events also show that leaders at the top can move quickly to bend the results of such spontaneous events to their own purposes.

As the official "Kwangming Daily," a journal under control of Teng's men, warned his enemies recently: "Who wants to oppose the force of the people and to decide not to change his attitudes? People not only have the right to criticize him (who will not change), but also to remove him from his posts."

Some holdovers from Mao's era, like Peking Mayor Wu Teh, have already been effectively removed from important power. A radio broadcast revealed recently that another holdover, Vice Premier Chi Teng-kuei, has also lost a position as first political commissar of the Peking military region. Some analysts suggest that Chi simply shed a job he had little time for in order to concentrate on a massive assignment to rewrite the Chinese legal code, but he remains in the unenviable position of having profited greatly from Mao's

1960s Cultural Revolution at the same time Teng and his friends were being temporarily purged.

People inside and outside China have watched carefully for the faintest sign that the most important holdover of a party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng might be caught up in the same Teng-inspired turnover. Hua seemed to move quickly to endorse the 1976 demonstration by writing an inscription for a pro-demonstration book of poems, but some analysts noticed that only last April he was described by Chou En-lai as a widow favoring the view that the demonstration had been, at least in part, counter-revolutionary.

A huge official report on the demonstration issued by the official news agency last month included dozens of eyewitness accounts of the 1976 outpouring of pro-Chou, pro-modernization sentiment. It had not one word to say about the two central committee resolutions passed two days after the demonstration which condemned the rioters and purged Teng, and promoted Hua to a place as Mao's evident successor.

It blamed "Peoples Daily" reporters for collecting distorted information on the violence during the riots, and blamed Mao's wife Chiang Ching for further distorting the editing to make it seem as if the demonstrators were attacking Mao, rather than defending Chou. Chiang entertained the reporters afterwards, the report said, and "dripping with solicitude she asked them: did they (the demonstrators) beat you?"

Chinese officials in China have said for the last two years that it was such political intrigue in 1976 and before that distracted them from what should have been their first task, reviving the economy. Any more political upheaval in China is likely to have a similar adverse effect. Officials uncertain about who is in command will be slow to execute new, efficiency-oriented policies. Intellectuals' children with good grades will not be admitted to colleges as fast as Teng would like them to be.

Recalcitrant workers will not have their pay cut so quickly. New foreign trade deals will not be signed with the necessary speed. — (WP)

The Taif Escarpment road

By Clare Kent

Are you thinking of traveling from Jeddah to Taif for the day, or making the long trip by road from Riyadh to Jeddah? If so, the Escarpment road is the interesting and scenic way to take.

The Escarpment itself is a dramatic, towering, sheer cliff which stretches from Taif to a point beyond Abha in the south. In places the mountains reach a height of 2,500 meters. Approaching from the west, you can see this barren, jagged range from a great distance. It rises, abrupt and challenging, from the equally barren desert around Mecca. From the other direction it catches the traveler by surprise. The road from Taif ascends gently then, suddenly, it goes over the top and the land drops

away into a gulley some 1,000 meters down where another piece of the road runs.

The road on the Escarpment between Mecca and Taif climbs over 2,000 meters within a short distance. There is a new bridge in the road near the top, and this was the main reason for its long closure during last winter and spring. This bridge can be seen very clearly from the bottom of the Escarpment. It is a very impressive sight. Work on it is in the final stages but it is open for use. The bridge is not the only impressive part of the road. The whole project is an impressive engineering feat. It is a wide, smooth surfaced road which winds its way up the sheer Escarpment in a series of hair-pins, crossing innumerable gulleys, and often edging on precipices.

The scenery on this road is spectacular. Craggy rocks contrast with the flat desert stretching into the far distance. Cars on further parts of the road look like toys. Climbing towards Taif in the late afternoon the light on the mountains is superb. The rocks show pink, grey and gold, with splashes of rich brown and the occasional dash of bright green where a bush proclaims it is still alive and flourishing despite the long hot summer.

Sometimes baboons are seen playing among the rocks on the Escarpment. Far more plentiful are the evil looking black crows hovering above. Their sinister appearing, combined with the horrifying sight of many crashed cars perched precariously on precipices, make the air seem colder than the higher altitude

warrants.

Someway up the mountain there is a group of tin and wooden huts lining the roadside. They are an oasis for thirsty travelers, their shelves carrying refreshments. There are also metal frames holding attractively shaped water containers made out of clay.

Near the top of the Escarpment, to the left off the road and along a track, there was a cafe noted for its magnificent view. The view indeed remains magnificent, but, unfortunately the cafe is deserted and rapidly becoming a ruin. Only the blackened fireplaces remain as evidence of a once thriving tea-house.

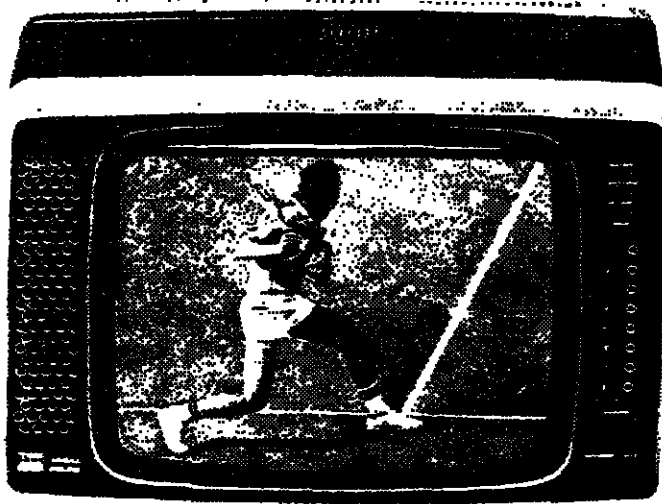
But the wall around the roof is still enjoyed as a picnic place for those who have a head for heights. The cafe had been built into the side of the mountain and the land drops away from it on two sides. It is said that people used to visit this cafe to drink tea and play monopoly in Arabic while watching the sunset.

Back on the main road there is a good view on the south side of the new Sheraton Hotel in Al-Hada. It stands on a crop of rocks, and is a coppery color. It is a luxurious place to spend a night, or to visit for the Friday lunchtime buffet.

The hotel is about 30 kilometers from the top of the Escarpment into Taif. From Riyadh it is necessary to go into the center of Taif then take the Al-Hada road going west past the King's Guest Palace. From Jeddah take the Mecca road and then take the by-pass at the police post just before Mecca.

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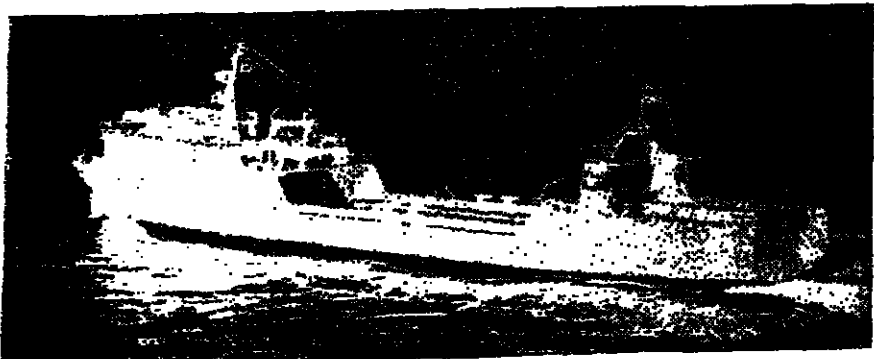


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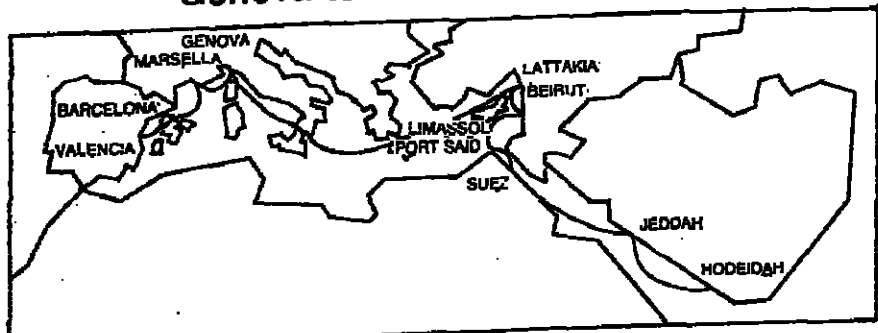
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Third World news pool: Step by step

By Michael Dobbs
BELGRADE — Last month, as diplomats and politicians at the UNESCO conference in Paris talked grandly about building a "new international information order" to correct "the bias" of the big Western news agencies towards the Third World, Boza Francuski grappled with the everyday problems of running what amounts to the world's first Third World news agency.

A former foreign correspondent in Moscow, Francuski is now a duty editor for the non-aligned news pool organized by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug. During a week in which Western and Eastern delegates in Paris were reported to be narrowing their differences on a declaration on the mass media, he was busy sifting through piles of copy reaching Belgrade from the 50 or so very diverse news organizations around the world which contribute to the pool.

A cyclostyled bulletin issued by the Somali news agency Sunna on Oct. 28 lands on his desk two weeks later on November 11. Most of the reports are long outdated, but Francuski salvages a 200-word item headlined "eradication of smallpox." Tanjug teleprinters around the world chatter out: Mogadishu, Nov. 11, (Sunna) — "Smallpox, a dangerous epidemic of great concern to international health, has been eradicated from Somalia a year ago," so declared the Minister of Health Colonel Musa Rabie Gode.

A telexed dispatch is received from the Angolan news

agency Angop in Luanda. The first paragraph reads: "The Angolan people in the province of Cabinda will celebrate the third anniversary of the proclamation of national independence of the People's Republic of Angola on Nov. 11 in peace and with a sharpened vigilance." Not exactly dramatic news, admits Francuski, but Angop contributions to the pool are fairly rare so the 300-word piece gets used in full.

A lengthy cable arrives overnight from Libya's "Revolutionary News Agency" Jana, one of the pool's most regular contributors. Francuski glances over the copy — "Islam is against capitalism," says Colonel Qaddafi. "Colonel Qaddafi calls upon Muslims to revolt." "French peace committee condemns Stabile (SIC) David accord." "These items are not written in pool language," he says and discards the entire cable.

Three years after its launching amid expressions of grave dissatisfaction with Western news coverage of the Third World, the non-aligned pool is itself caught between conflicting interests and limited resources. The most important constraints on its operations are the censorship of news for political reasons, poor communications, the lack of trained journalists, and the sheer diversity of the countries which participate in the pool — some of them each other's bitter enemies despite their common membership in the non-aligned movement. Pool members range from

Tanjung with 45 correspondents around the world to newly-established news agencies of some African countries which, as one Tanjug journalist remarked, "have only one employee — the director-general." The pool does not discriminate between news received from countries with long free press traditions like Sri Lanka and Mexico to countries like Cambodia and Ethiopia where all news is government controlled.

In theory, all pool members have equal rights. They have the right both to send their news to any regional redistributing center (at present Yugoslavia, Cuba, Iraq, Tunisia, Morocco, and India) or to act as a redistributing center themselves. Each country is in a position to control all the news about itself that appears in the pool.

But while Tanjug editors are no doubt sincere in their insistence on the equality of all the participating agencies, in practice some pool members are clearly more equal than others. Tanjug's own sophisticated communications system and world news service in three languages (English, French, and Spanish) have given it a pre-eminent position. Its pool output is the most widely circulated, and therefore the most influential.

The pool was originally set up to provide an alternative to what many African and Asian leaders described as "the biased inadequate, and distorted information" about their countries from the Western news media. An analysis of re-

cent pool output shows that it certainly projects a different picture of life in non-aligned countries to that presented in the West — but whether it is a more accurate one is seriously open to question.

Of the 200 or so stories transmitted by Tanjug in its pool service one week, over 40 per cent concerned the activities of non-aligned governments; 25 per cent dealt with trade, aid or development; ten per cent with the work of international organizations like the United Nations or UNESCO; and seven per cent with liberation movements. Disputes between individual non-aligned countries were referred to in 20 per cent of the stories while 18 per cent mentioned Yugoslav or Yugoslav officials.

History and culture were mentioned in less than two per cent of the reports. Meanwhile references to crime, coups, famines, and natural or man-made disasters occurred in only two per cent of the stories.

A vivid illustration of the inadequacy of the pool's own reporting of Third World affairs was its coverage of Uganda's incursion into Tanzania, a dispute with important implications for many non-aligned countries. President Idi Amin's offer to withdraw his troops from Tanzania was reported by the Western agencies within minutes of his broadcast over Radio Kampala. It was not mentioned by the pool until two days later, when the Moroccan News Agency reported in a dispatch from Nairobi that "Tanzania is still massing troops at the border for a counter-attack on Uganda despite President Idi Amin's offer to withdraw his invading force."

Ironically it was a pool member — the Sudanese news agency Sunna — which first broke the news that President Amin intended announcing a withdrawal in a dispatch from Kampala several hours before the Ugandan leader's broadcast. The Sunna report was promptly picked up by Western news agencies, but never transmitted by the pool.

Asked about the big gaps in coverage of the Uganda-Tanzania dispute, a pool editor shrugged his shoulders and remarked: "Tanzania has a news agency, Shihata, but we rarely hear from them. As for Uganda, as far as we know they don't have a news agency at all."

A complicating factor is the extreme political sensitivity of such disputes. The pool is intended to improve cooperation between non-aligned countries — an objective that, it is feared, might be jeopardized by frank reporting of long tirades against each other. This is apparently one reason why many of Qaddafi's more inflammatory statements are not reported. Remarked a pool editor: "The language that we use in our reports must be correct. We are obliged to reflect the stands of individual governments — but only if they use reasonable language and do not insult other non-aligned countries."

Given the bitterness of Egypt's dispute with Arab countries belonging to the Revisionist Front or Algeria and Morocco's quarrel over the Western

Sahara, it is not surprising that the same editor adds: "On the whole, we prefer information about development."

Another problem, freely admitted by Tanjug editors, is that what may be news in one country appears parochial in another. They claim that such items are gradually disappearing from the file as pool members learn from each other's mistakes. An examination of the pool's output by an outsider, however, reveals that Tanjug itself is one of the worst offenders.

An item issued by Tanjug on the pool recently began as follows: "On the occasion of the publication of his book 'Socialist Self-Management System and Social-Economic Development,' Dr. Vladimir Bakaric, member of the Presidency of Yugoslavia and Presidency of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, has met with jour-

nalists. Bakaric spoke about the intelligentsia, the equality of languages, and the role of science in Yugoslavia and a number of other current domestic topics. Referring to the intelligentsia's position today, Dr. Bakaric stressed as essential the fact that the intelligentsia as an idealogue does not exist."

The story (which it turned out was two days old) rambled on in similar vein for about 700 words.

Of course it is easy for Western journalists to criticize the lack of professionalism in the pool. But given the political and economic pressures to which it is subjected, perhaps the most remarkable thing about it is that it functions as well as it does.

Ljubomir Kucic, a senior Tanjug editor with overall responsibility for the pool, says it is impossible to compete with

the big news agencies overnight.

"You must remember that this pool is a new form of co-operation between information media. News agencies are being founded in the Third World nearly every day, and of course we have our technical and professional problems. We must be patient and proceed step by step."

According to Kucic, use of pool reports has steadily increased over the last three years. Leading Yugoslav newspapers print two or three pool reports a day and use in other non-aligned countries is reported to be on a similar scale.

Pool reports circulated by Tanjug are also occasionally picked up by the Belgrade offices of the major Western news agencies. Recently the Associated Press (AP) picked up a Tanjug pool report on strikes in Ghana and United

Press International (UPI) used a Libyan news agency report from Amman, Jordan, to tip off its office there to a newspaper interview by the Iraqi oil minister calling for use of the oil weapon against the United States.

Ruth Gruber, UPI's bureau chief in Belgrade, points out that many of the stories circulated by the pool are already available direct to Western news agencies from individual pool members. "The problem with many pool stories for us is that they don't contain enough information. Something is usually missing — like the date or the circumstances in which such and such a minister made his statement."

"The news pool is often valuable as supplementary information to our existing sources, but I certainly would not want to rely on it as my sole source of information about the Third World," she commented. (G)



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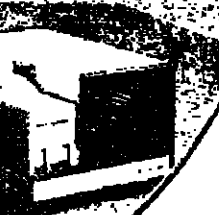
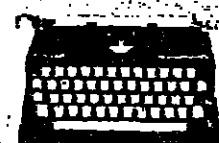
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Unheralded N.Korean steals China thunder at Bangkok athletics

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (R) — An unknown North Korean girl captured the spotlight in the Asian Games here Friday. Kim Ok Sun started the women's 1500 meters final as though it were a sprint. Her rivals waited for her to wait, but instead she just pulled further away to smash the games record by more than six seconds.

China, winner of three athletics gold medals Thursday, won two more Friday to emerge as the track and field giant. Japan though it had won the men's 4x100 meters relay crown, but in a photo finish the verdict went to Thailand — a result which brought a roar that was heard all over Bangkok.

Elsewhere, the day's major achievements were Chinas clean sweep victory in the men's table tennis and an avalanche of goals from hockey superstar Pakistan, which beat its own games record by crushing Bangladesh, 57-0.

With more than half the gold medals decided, Japan led the standings with 43-13 more than second-placed China.

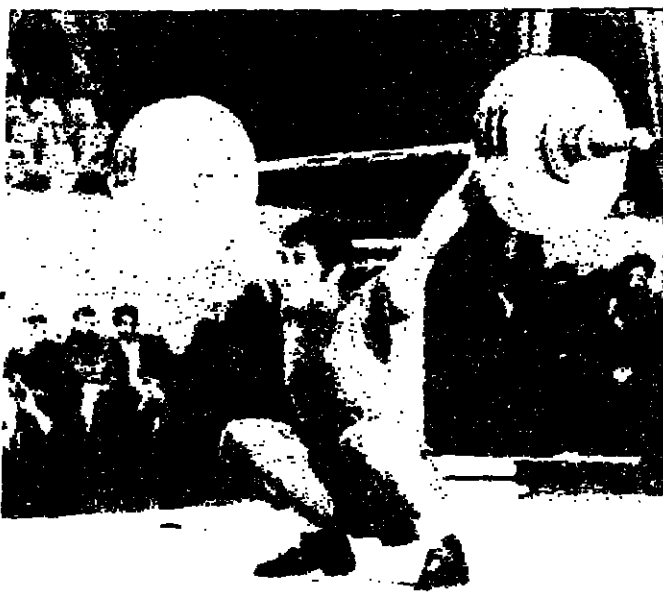
Biggest upset in the five athletics finals came in the men's 110 meters hurdles when the fastest man in the field failed to get among the medals.

The fallen star was China's Lai Wei-wen whose best time of 13.7 seconds puts him in world class. But the gold medal still went to China with Wang Hsun-hua an impressive winner. Montreal Olympic finalist Sriram Singh gave India another track gold with a predictable victory in the 800 meters while China took the first two places in the women's discus through Li Wei-nah and Li Tsien-kuo.

With a display befitting their position as world champion, China crushed Japan, 5-0, in the men's table tennis team final with Liang Ke-liang, the world number two, spearheading the Chinese triumph with two victories.

Shooting star of Pakistan's hockey blitz in a performance which must have frightened India, the only other serious contender for the gold medal, was Sheikh Shanaz with six goals.

The archery competition brought Japan three of the four gold medals with only South Korea's Kim Gin-Ho, the women's individual winner, breaking its monopoly of the gold medals.



JERK: Lebanon's Muhammad Trabulsi Wednesday hefted 310 kilograms in the 75-kilo class to break the Asian Games record and captured the first gold medal for his country's team—the smallest at the Games.

Saudi swimmers, vaulter soothe soccer bitterness

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia enjoyed mixed success in weekend action at the Eighth Asian Games here, with elimination from the soccer competition casting a shadow over the Saudi performance.

The Kingdom's star pole vaulter, Reehan Ali cleared four meters 20 centimeters for sixth place in the event Friday which may well turn out to be the Kingdom's strongest finish. Japan's Tomomi Takahashi vaulted 5:10 for the gold medal.

In Thursday's swimming events, the Saudi team broke several national records although they were not among the medals. In the 400-meters freestyle, Adel Sofyan and Omar Attiya posted new records while Nasser Al-Bassam, with 2:56.37 broke the 200-meters butterfly mark. In the 200-meters backstroke, Alawi Hashim broke the record of 2:52.6 and in the 1500-meters freestyle, Sofyan recorded 19:59.43.

The Saudi team also broke the record for the 4x100 meters relay with 4:36.9.

The Saudi soccer team held a strong Iraqi side to a 1-1 draw Thursday but the Saudis were already doomed to first-round elimination. Iraq advanced to the second round, with Kuwait, 3-0 victor over Bahrain Friday. India, China and Thailand, North Korea, which blanked Thailand 3-0 Friday, and South Korea, which defeated Japan, 3-1, advance unbeaten.

Angry fans lighted bonfires in the stands as the listless Saudis were thrashed by the North Koreans.

The Kuwaitis barely had to raise their game above half pace after they scored twice in the opening 11 minutes against a Bahrain team that had conceded nine goals in their last two games — all of them coming after its star goalkeeper Hamoud Sultan was carried off in their opening match against South Korea. He has taken no further part in the competition.

Fathi Marzoug was the star of the Kuwait side, scoring one of the goals and setting up the other two.

In basketball, the Saudi team placed 13th behind Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain in the losers' bracket. The Kingdom's last game in the losers' bracket, against Hong Kong, was decided by a single basket in Hong Kong's favor, 71-69. Despite protest, the last Saudi basket was disallowed as coming after the buzzer.

China, the Koreans, the Philippines, Japan and Thailand go through.

In table tennis, Saudi Arabia beat Kuwait, 5-0, to capture 11th place in a competition dominated by the unstoppable Chinese. In volleyball Thursday, Saudi Arabia was defeated 3-0 by India and is eliminated.

Asian queen diver looks to take on world

By Paul Majumdar

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (R) — World records are a rarity at the Asian Games — but Chen Hsiao-hsia, China's vivacious high diving queen, is a glittering exception.

The 16-year-old schoolgirl from Canton propelled herself to international recognition with a precise performance on the high diving board this week which won her 477.42 points, more than 60 points ahead of the world record set by the Soviet Union's Irina Kalinina at the world championships earlier this year in West Berlin.

Chen's was a world-class performance, but world records can only be set at a world championship and China is not an affiliated member of the International Amateur Swimming Federation

(FINA).

"I was excited at the time," she said. "But our target is to be champion of the world — that is my aim."

Chen confessed in a modest, careful words that she thought the Russian world champion was far from invincible.

"I've seen a couple of her actions on film. Her standard is not so high and her dives are not so difficult that I cannot accomplish them," Chen said.

Chen won the Asian gold

with a breathtaking routine that took her a year to perfect. Divers call it the 5-2-3-5. To the layman that's one twist, two and a half turns and one and a half somersaults, executed with split-second timing in a 10-meter plunge.

Chen, readily answering questions with an easy smile and the relaxed self-confidence of a sports veteran, said: "I was full of confidence as I could see our standards were much higher than the best of the other divers here."

Chen, who has been diving since the age of 12, puts in about four hours' practice a day. "I dive for the love of the sport," he said.

FINA is not holding its next congress until 1980, but Chen is optimistic that she can get a crack at the world's best some day soon.

Games medals tables

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Japan	43	33	26
China	30	26	25
North Korea	12	9	10
Thailand	6	7	7
South Korea	5	17	78
India	4	2	1
Philippines	3	2	3
Indonesia	2	3	7
Singapore	2	1	1
Mongolia	1	3	2
Lebanon	1	1	0
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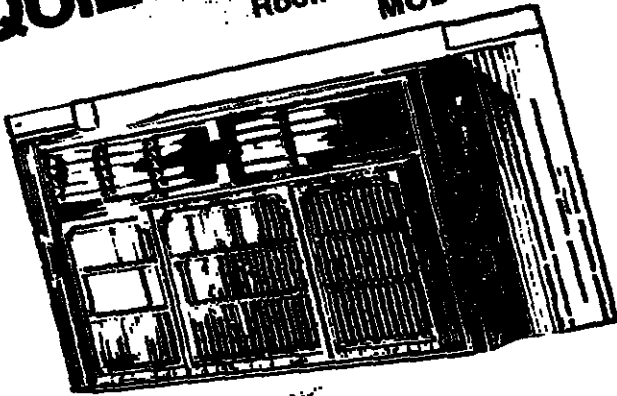
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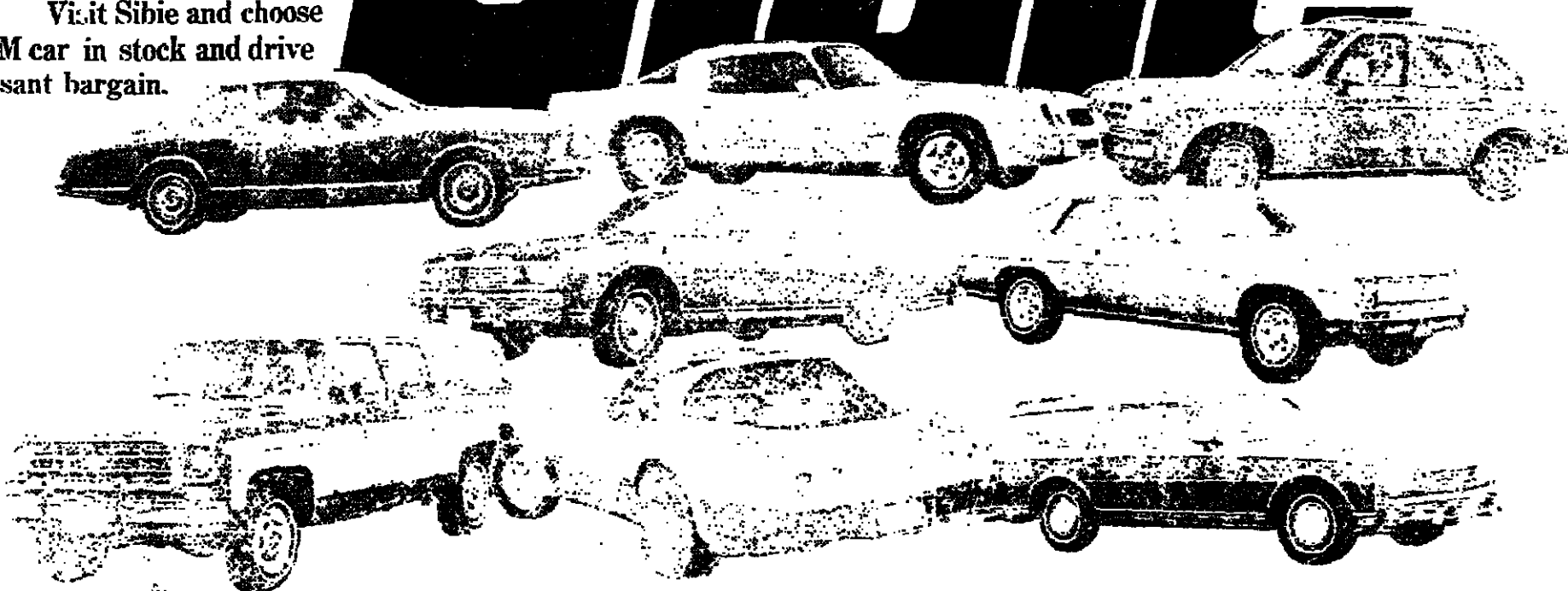


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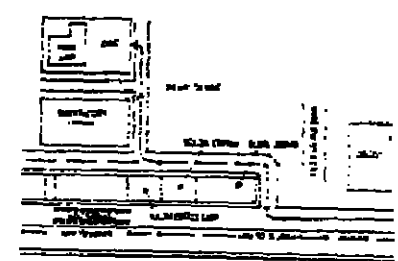
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F.A. bench to hear Revie's case Monday

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R)—Don Revie, who quit as England soccer manager last year for a 340,000 pound (\$680,000) contract as coach to the United Arab Emirates team, appears before a six-man tribunal here Monday to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

The English Football Association (F.A.) brought the charge and banned Revie from British football in September 1977, soon after he walked out on the England job with two years of his five-year contract still to run.

The charge lay dormant until last September, when Revie asked the F.A. for a date to discuss his suspension. The result is Monday's special commission meeting at which Revie will appear, briefly forsaking the heat of the Gulf for the English winter and doubtless a no less bleak examination by the F.A. "judges."

It was not only Revie's going which upset the F.A., but the manner of his departure.

Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the F.A. and one of the men who will be on the commission's panel Monday, said at the time of Revie's departure that the first news he had of it was in an exclusive newspaper report.

"We are all very sad that Mr. Revie should not tell his employers before taking the newspapers what he is doing," he commented.

And a further point to be thrashed out at Monday's meeting is an allegation by Southampton and England midfielder player Alan Ball, who will also be before the commission, that he was once offered illegal payments by Revie.

During Revie's tenure of the England managership, the national team played 29 matches, winning 14, drawing eight and losing seven.

It is a record which does not look too bad on paper, but as he said himself



Don Revie

when he departed: "Nearly everyone in the country seems to want me out, so I'm giving them what they want."

The unforgivable lapse was England's failure to qualify for the finals of this year's World Cup in Argentina. And Revie's "scatter gun" approach to finding a winning team he called on 52 different players in his 29 games—was widely criticized.

Towards the end of his England reign, Revie became accustomed to hearing crowds chanting at "internationals" "What a load of rubbish".

It was all very far from his achievements when he managed Leeds United and built the club up from mediocrity to one of the most formidable teams in the land.

But even that feat was shadowed by the reputation which Leeds gained of ruthlessness.

Gower cracks Test century

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 15 (R) — David Gower, England's young left-handed batting star, hit an unbeaten century here Friday to wrest the initiative from Australia on the opening day of the second Test.

The 21-year-old Gower, playing in only his eighth Test, came to the wicket shortly after lunch when England was struggling at 41 for three. At the close England was 190 for three.

Gower and opening batsman Boycott blunted the Australian pace bowling attack with an unbeaten 149-run partnership that put England right back in the game. In the fifth over, the visitor had been three for two. Gower finished with 101 not out and Boycott, who played the sheet anchor, was 63 not out after batting throughout the day.

England won the first Test in Brisbane last week by seven wickets to go one up in the six-match series.

Houston's Malone holes Warriors with 35 points

HOUSTON, Texas Dec. 15 (AP) — In the first two games against Golden State this season, Houston center Moses Malone, was held to only 20 points by Warrior center Robert Parish.

Thursday night was a whole new ball game for Malone, however, as he exploded for 35 points and grabbed 21 rebounds while boosting the Rockets to a 120-123 overtime victory over the Warriors in the only Na-

dal Basketball Association game scheduled.

"You have to get the ball into the big man," Malone said. "If you can do that, you have to make the other team play defense."

"There's nothing between Parish and me. He's a good player, but I didn't let anything get to me after the first two games."

The Rockets led 104-82 with less than seven minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Warriors, however, keyed by the sharpshooting of veteran guard Phil Smith and rookie Purvis Smith, reeled off 14 of the game's next 19 points and tied the contest for the first time at 105-105 on a jump shot by Smith with 1:13 remaining.

Golden State moved into a 107-105 lead on a slam dunk by Parish, but Malone tied the score again with a pair of free throws with 31 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Calvin Murphy, who tallied 34 points for the Rockets including eight in the overtime, put Houston ahead to stay with two free throws with 1:01 left.

Cosmetics firm starts women's marathon circuit
NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — Avon Products Inc. Thursday announced a program to promote international marathon races for women runners, with four regional events in the United States, leading to a 30-kilometer U.S. championship at Springdale, Ohio on May 6.

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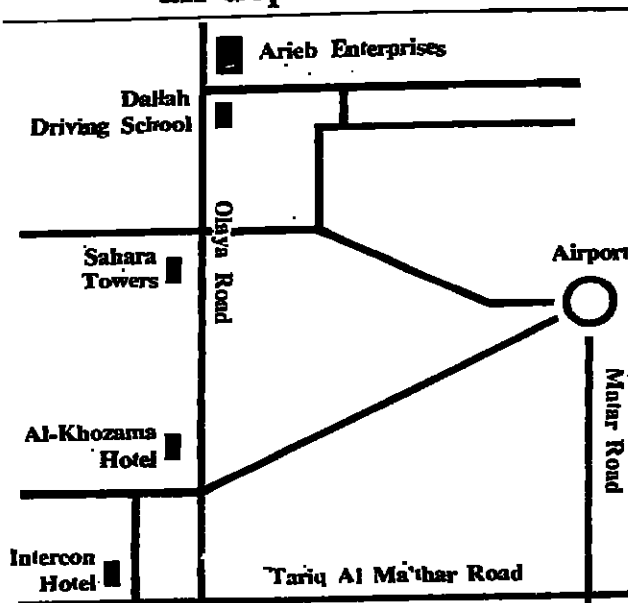
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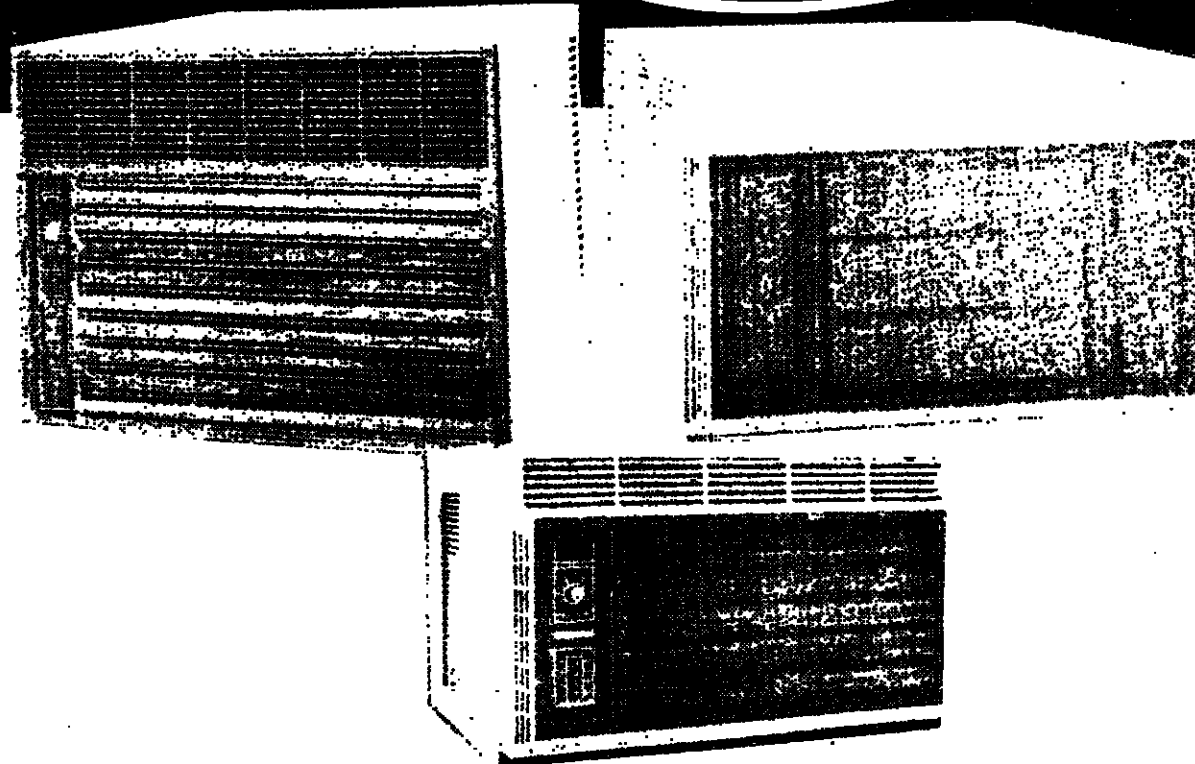
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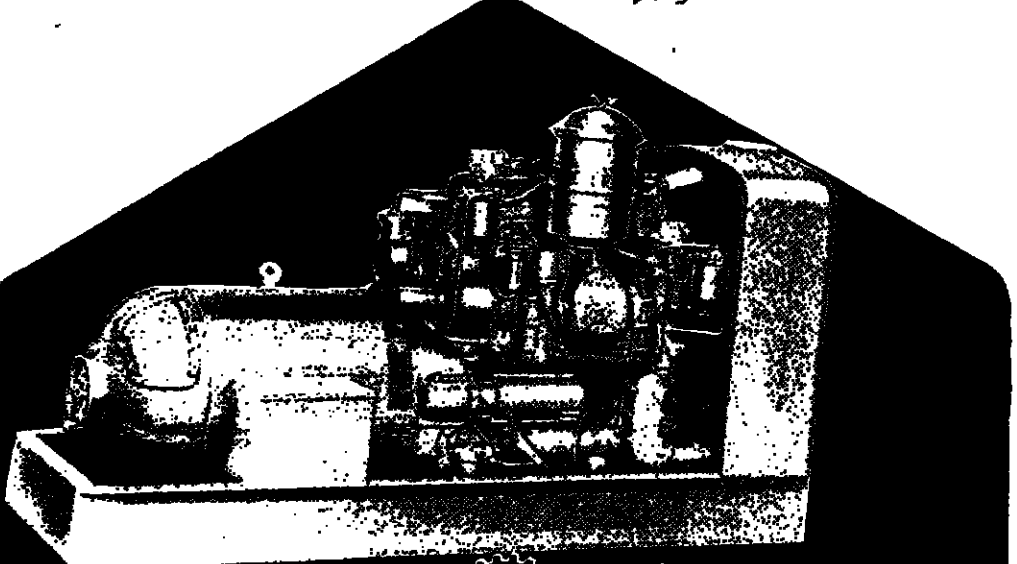
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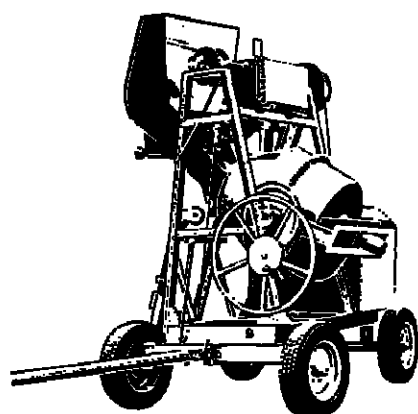
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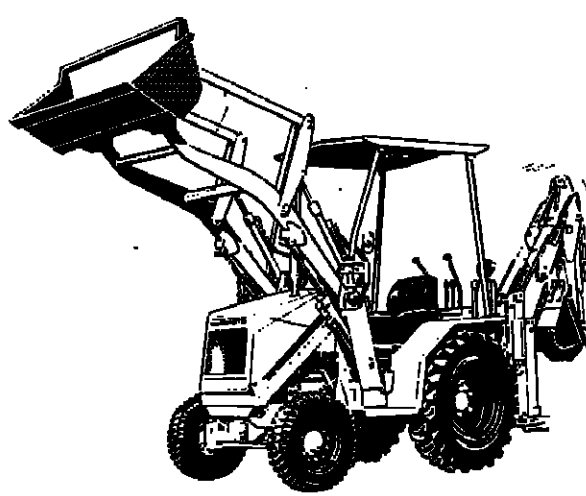
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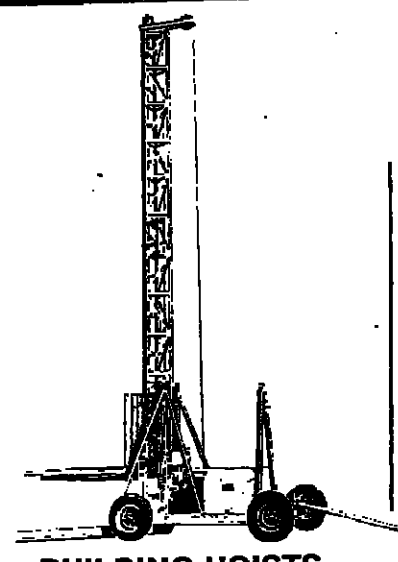
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Carter, Jenkins air hope on removal of trade curbs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter and President Roy Jenkins of the European Commission joined Thursday in the hope that a "substantial and balanced" agreement can be reached before the end of the year in the negotiations among 98 countries to break down trade barriers.

After a 55-minute meeting in the president's Oval Office, they issued a statement saying:

"President Carter expressed his determination to seek congressional action to assure continued application of the waiver on countervailing duties. Both Carter and Jenkins agreed that the success of the negotiations would promote economic recovery and extension of international trade between both industrial and developing countries, thus raising living standards and increasing jobs."

The countervailing duties — special U.S. tariffs on import-

ed goods subsidized by the countries that export them — have been a sticking point in the negotiations. They are due to go into effect Jan. 3. Congress does not meet until Jan. 15. Roger Beetham, spokesman for Jenkins, said the object is now to get an informal agreement in the international negotiations that will induce Congress to act. Jenkins was to see representative Al Ullman, the Oregon Democrat who heads the ways and means committee, on this point Friday.

Beetham said the two had agreed that the substance of the accord, still being negotiated in Geneva, is more important than the time-table.

The other main subject at the meeting was the new European Monetary System due to go into operation Jan. 1. Contrary to earlier indications, Italy and Ireland now appear ready to join as well as France, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Concorde to overfly Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 15 (R) — Malaysia Friday in effect gave the go-ahead for the resumption of the London-Singapore service by the Concorde, a decision that could open the way to super-sonic services to Australia and China.

A Concorde operated jointly by British Airways and Singapore Airlines made only three round trips between London and Singapore in December last year before it was stopped by a Malaysian ban on flights through its airspace.

After year-long negotiations conducted by the British, the Malaysian government Friday gave the go-ahead for resumption of Concorde overflights for a six-month trial period.

The supersonic service cuts flying time between London and Singapore almost in half to eight and a half hours as compared with the present sub-sonic jets.

Britain has trade gap of \$384 million

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Britain had a trade deficit of 192 million pounds (\$384 million) in November compared with a revised 97-million-pound (\$184-million) surplus in October, the Department of Trade has announced.

The government said the deficit was reduced to 72 million pounds (\$144 million) when invisible earnings such as banking and insurance profits were taken into account. This figure compares with a net surplus of 217 million pounds (\$434 million) in October.

The Trade Department said British exports fell slightly in November while imports increased 7.5 per cent from October. There was a 30 per cent drop in the volume of North Sea oil exports last month, partly because of the appreciation of the pound sterling against the U.S. dollar on foreign exchanges.

During the three months September to November, Britain posted a visible trade deficit of 330 million pounds (\$660 million) compared with a 217-million-pound (\$434-million) shortfall over the previous three-month period.

Burns: U.S. economy is basically sound

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (R) — Arthur Burns, former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (central bank) has echoed President Carter's financial advisers in saying the U.S. economy was basically sound.

But Burns said that "a mood of unease and anxiety about the future still continues to haunt the state of business opinion."

He told a forum of the American Enterprise Institute Thursday that this mood was reflected in what he called the dol-drum of the stock exchanges, in opinion polls and in the pessimistic tone of economic commentators.

To break the mood, he said, it was necessary to limit the growth of money and public spending, reduce federal government regulations and find ways of improving the output of workers.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and Charles Schulze, chairman of Carter's Council of Economic Advisers, earlier told the joint congressional economic committee that the

economy was still basically sound. But they said that the rate of real growth in the economy next year, discounting inflation, would be less than the three per cent predicted by the administration last month.

"We are slowing down for a rate of growth next year of somewhere between two and three per cent," said Blumenthal.

Burns said that despite some areas of concern there were basic reasons for viewing the U.S. economy's future with optimism.

He said Carter's anti-inflation program, unveiled on Oct. 24, "indicates the administration is no longer trying to combat inflation with mere rhetoric."

The tax bill, passed at the end of the last Congress, helped business to a greater extent than any tax legislation for many years, he said.

GENEVA, Dec. 15 (AP) — Farm populations of the industrialized West and Eastern Europe will practically disappear by the end of the century, a U.N. agency predicted.

The agrarian populations of both regions, thinned by the flight of young people to other employment, have been dwindling in size for 28 years, the International Labor Organization said. Agency figures showed the 146 million population in 1950 dropped to 87 million in 1970.

The ILO predicted in a report titled "the case of the disappearing farmer" that if recent trends continue, the farm populations of the West and the Communist Eastern bloc countries would number 28.5 million in the year 2000, roughly 20 per cent of its mid-century numerical strength.

The report questioned whether technology changes were

forcing the farm population to shrink, but did not explore it. It also left unanswered how the shrinking population would affect productivity.

The ILO predicted that an increasing number of young people leaving farms would result in an even older agricultural population. There was no comparable trend in other economic sectors, they said.

In the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, and all western Europe, farmers 45 years old and older totaled 28 million, or 40 per cent of their total agricultural population of 70 million in 1950. Twenty years later they represented 53 per cent with a total population of 100 million.

The report said that by the end of the century this age group will probably total 7.8 million people, or 80 per cent of all farmers in the industrialized market economy countries.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Interior Ministry Agency for Passport and Civil Status	Catering for the cadets of the Military Institute for Passports	xx	50	Dec. 28
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Maintenance of two lifts at the agency building	xx	20	Dec. 28
" " "	Supply of an automatic garbage truck of 16 cubic yards capacity	84-98/99	500	Jan. 13
" " "	Supply of road sweeping trucks	85-98/99	500	Jan. 14
" " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Dawadmi	26-96/97	150	Jan. 15
" " "	Fencing of graveyards of Al-Waghl Al-Sawda in Abha	"	300	Jan. 20



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 14TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—
5	CHAR HO	ABDALLAH	GEN. STEEL P.WOOD	13.12.1978
6	GLORIOUS TRADER	ALWANI	CONTN. LND. GOODS P.WOOD	12.12.1978
7	—	—	—	—
8	—	—	—	—
9	—	—	—	—
10	CHAR CHUN	ABDALLAH	GEN. 1 BER P.WOOD	12.12.1978
11	—	—	—	—
12	HOPE	RED SEA	GENERAL RE-BAR	4.12.1978
13	TELAMON	KANOO	RICE FLOUR, CONTN.	11.12.1978
14	UNION YENBO	O.C.E.	STEEL GEN. TIMBER	10.12.1978
15	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29.11.1978
16	—	—	—	—
17	ATLANTIC FOREST (BARGES)	KANOO	RICE FLOUR	20.8.1978
18	IONIAN CARRIER	KULACO	LULK CEMENT	12.11.1978
19	—	—	—	—
20	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	28.11.1978
21	—	—	—	—
22-23	FILIPINAS SAUDI	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
24	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	BLACKFORD	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13.12.1978
27	HERB EVERETT	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	9.12.1978
28	—	—	—	—
29	—	—	—	—
30	PANAGHIA	OCEAN TRD.	CEMENT, GENERAL STEEL	13.12.1978
31	CHARITY	GULF	SUGAR	13.12.1978
32	—	—	—	—
33	NISSOS KERKYRA	STAR	CHICKENS	10.12.1978

RO RO
BAHJAH H.S.S.C. RO RO 13.12.1978

Vessels Working at Anchorage
NIL

2-Recent Arrivals

BLACKFORD	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13.12.1978
ARAB FALCON	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13.12.1978
BAHJAH	H.S.S.C.	RO RO	13.12.1978
WINONA	ALSAADA	GENERAL	13.12.1978

3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

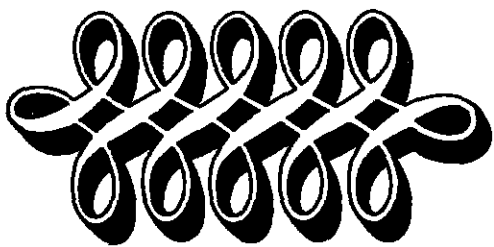
MINERVA II	AL HAWI	CANNED GOODS & GENERAL	14.12.1978
MARE BOREALE	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	14.12.1978
ARIS	ALPHA	GENERAL & TIMBER	14.12.1978
VINCENZA	ORRI	BAGGED BARLEY	14.12.1978
SUNSHINE	—	—	—
ISLAND	ALATAS	LUB OIL GEN.	14.12.1978
BLUE STAR	BAABOUD	CONTAINERS	14.12.1978
TARAGO	BARBER	TO LOAD CARS	14.12.1978
VILLE DE STRASBURG	M.T.A.	CONTN. GEN REEFER	14.12.1978
AZUMA	BARBER	TO LOAD MTYS	14.12.1978
GREEN VALLEY	KANOO	CONTAINERS & GEN	14.12.1978
JOLLY MARRONE	ABDALLAH	8 LASH BARGES	14.12.1978
CHARLES	RED SEA	RO RO	14.12.1978
SCHIAFFINO 8	—	RO RO	14.12.1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 56,968

WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 14.1.1399/14.1.1978
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
3	MISHAEL AL KULIB	ORRI	LIVESTOCK	13.12.1978
14	SEASPEED ARABIA	I.A.C.C.	LOADING E CONTRS.	13.12.1978
15	GOLDEN FORTUNE	ORRI	GENERAL	13.12.1978
19	YONGJIN	GOSABI	C. CEMENT	5.12.1978
20	NEA TYHI	GOSABI	FERTILIZER	9.12.1978
21	ASIA ROSE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	7.12.1978
26	SWAN RIVER	SOEASIA	LIVESTOCK	13.12.1978

Recent Arrivals.

BARGE QN-117	BARBER	STEEL BARS	13.12.1978
GOLDEN FORTUNE	ORRI	GENERAL	13.12.1978
CHONG SUK	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	13.12.1978
SWAN RIVER	SOEASIA	LIVESTOCK	13.12.1978
MISHAEL AL-KULIB	ORRI	LIVESTOCK	13.12.1978

Vessels Expected Within 48 Hours

BRAUNHÉLS	ALIREZA	—	—
INTERBARGE NO. 4	ALIREZA	—	—
NEDLLOYD LEA	KANOO	—	—
TIGRIS MARU	AET	—	—
IRISH ROWAN	GMS	—	—
FINENS	SMC	—	—
VANIL	KANOO	—	—
TORREN MAERSH	KANOO	—	—
IBN BAJAH	KANOO	—	—
PLOJING	KANOO	—	—
CONCORDIA IAREK	KANOO	—	—
NEDON	ORRI	—	—
SHOHAKU MARU	GULF	—	—
ROBERT E. LEE	KANOO	—	—

TONNAGE DISCHARGED—36,777

WAITING TIME: —NIL

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Mexico promising source of oil—White House study

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (R) — A White House study describes Mexico as the most promising new source of world oil in the 1980s and suggests that President Carter consider upgrading that country's priority in U.S. foreign policy, the "Washington Post" reported Friday.

The "Post" said a National Security Council draft memorandum recommends that the United States view Mexico as a full-scale partner and accord

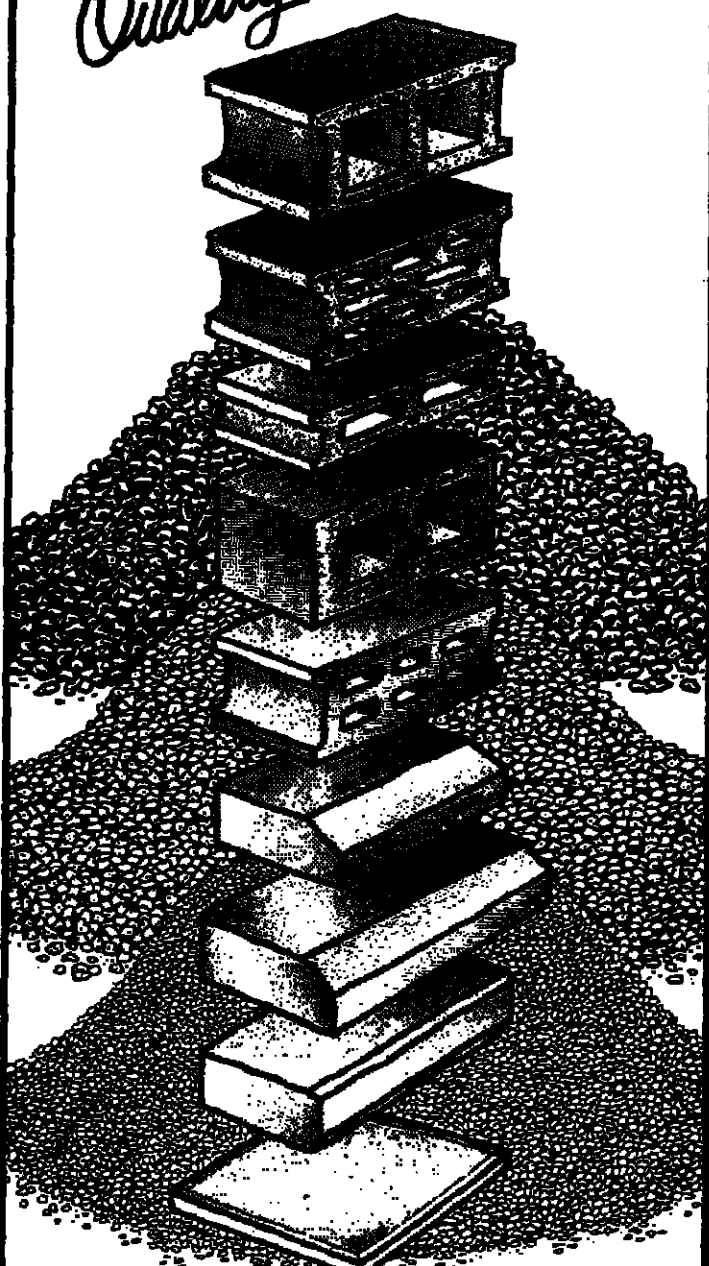
it significant concessions on winter export of farm products.

The newspaper also quotes the draft memorandum as saying significant concessions could be made on quotas for legal immigration of workers from Mexico to the United States.

Yet another option outlined in the draft, the "Post" said, would be for the United States to maintain its traditional view of Mexico as an emerging power in third world.

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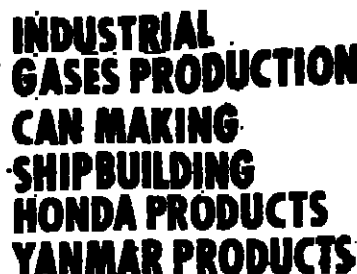
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اسعار الاسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية
INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

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Nipponkwan	160.0	139.5	Mitsubishi Corp.	335	348
Peoples D&I Inc.	180.0	180.0	Mitsui Co.	290	293
Rialco West ELEC.	180.0	180.9	Mitsui Co.	640	677
Schenck	239.1	239.5	Nat'l Energy	98	95
Siemens	284.7	284.7	Nat'l Sewerage	98	95
Siemens	239.0	248.0	Nipponkwan	398	395
Sumitomo	284.7	284.7	Nipponkwan	345	349
Thyssen A.G.	117.0	116.7	Nipponkwan	299	384
Trusts of Japan	183.0	181.0	Nippon Electric	263	284
VEBA	133.0	133.0	Nippon Feat. Mfg.	297	297
Wells Fargo Bank	247.5	247.5	Nippon Feat. Mfg.	122	121
Wells Fargo Bank	247.5	247.5	Nippon Feat. Mfg.	800	853

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Banco Albanian (1,000)	301	301	Shinabe	1168	1170	Malayan Tobacco	803	878
Banco Argentino	264	264	Sony	1570	1580	National Iron	503	570
Banco Austro	264	264	Sun Life	1570	1580	N. B. T. & Co.	152/154	153
Banco General	237	237	Sun Life Central	244	248	Paper Products	145	145
Banco Grumado (1,000)	136	136	Sun Life Insurance	132	132	Rothmann	UNQ	256
Banco Italiano	239	239	Sun Life Marine	244	248	Shore Drive Bridge	247	248
Banco Italiano, Col. (1,000)	166	169	Sun Life Mutual	121	121	Shore Drive Bridge	247	248
B. Ind. Mediterranean	188	188	Sun Life Mutual	341	342	Strait Times Press	778/779	778
Banco Popular	240	240	Sun Life Mutual	248	248	Strait Times Press	545/570	545
Banco Rangoon (1,000)	258	258	Takako	535	535	Takako	268	268
Banco Uruguayo (1,000)	258	258	Takako	157	157	Takako	470	470

Banco Viceroy	235	235	Tokyo Kasai	277	282	United Engineers	134	133
Banco Zaratempas	217	217	Tokyo Marine	139	139	William Jettis Co.	136	136
Banque	141	141	Tokyo Power	1090	1110	DBS	408	408
Banque Indochine	141	141	Tokyo	518	517	Hong Leong	SUSP	SUSP
Barrick & Wilcox	25	25	Toray Indus.	180	183	Malayan Banking	615	615
Bathurst	178	178	Toshiba	185	185	OCBC	528	528
Bayer	85	85	Toshiba	985	990	QCB	775	770
B.C.I.	195	200	Toshiba	900	903	Hutchinson	95	95
E. I. Aragonese	35	38	Toshiba	352	347	Faber Martin	95	95
Esposito Zinc	100	100	Toshiba	352	347		95	95
Expl. Rio Tinto	52-50	53-50	Toshiba	352	347		95	95
		6.1	Toshiba	352	347		95	95

Fernosa (1,000)	59	59	Y. 1000000	Property	161	161
Gal. Precados	77	77		Central Properties	162	162
Grupos Velasco (400)	166	165		City Development	186	186
Hidrolos	63	63.75		Ute Overrun Land	130	135
Hidrolos	67.50	68.75		Island Ptn. Dev	167	294.00
Imposham	60			Singapore Land	167	167
Olavos	72	77		Peter Oils	UNQ	226
Ipamela Remitida	41			United Plantations	UNQ	167
Petrober	112	112		Mining		
Petrober	164.75	170		Bergamini Tin	685	690
Socio Ecuador	39	39		Price Ptn.	UNQ	UNQ

Saunder	57	127	Carbelle	384	266.50	Pahang Cons.	1380	1360
Singapore	127	75	Air Lyndie	554	504	Selangor Dredging	UNQ	UNQ
Telefonika	75	75	BSN-Cable Telecom	50.50	52.30	Bank Baroda	180	171
Tubacex	75	77.50	CBF	139.18	141	Dunlop Estates	344	342
Union Elec.	60	61	CGE	394.90	390	Kempha (Malaya)	394	394.00
			CSF	385	389	N.L. Kapan	215	212
			Credit Franca	451.90	449	Veritas	145	143
			Hachette	226	220	Highlands & Lowlands	362	366
			Michelin	1190	1215	Consol. Plantations	145	148
				209	210			

	Closing Dec. 13	Closing Dec. 12
Price Kramir		
Andelsbanken	148 1/2	148 1/2
Danske Bank	128 1/2	128 1/2
East Asiatic Co.	147 1/2	147 1/2
Farmaceutiske	130	132
	140	
Fechnery	71.20	72.50
Pengvedt Chron	484.50	492
Phillips	50.75	50.50
Prioritætsb.	116	118.50
Rhøse Postens	119	121
Royal Dutch	253.40	254
Suez	270	300
Thornøen-Branst	344	348
Tobacco	13.50	13.00
Group A	4.50	5.32

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Price Kramir

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CCT		127	125	GP-Im-BM	2515	2495
CIC		124	123	Gervet	1560	1530
Cin an Sarr		65.30	67.60	Hoboken	2330	2300
Lafarge		254	255	Perrillon	3185	3200
Mort-Hormany		562	564	Royal Dutch	1880	1785
Nord		36	36	Sidra	430	430
OPT-France		119.90	119.90	Soc. Gen. Belges	630	6215
Prinairaya		36.68	36.60	Sofina	1365	1320
Radio Technique		451		Sulway 'A'	2530	2550
Socot Genere		149.18	149.50	Tanganyika Cons.	115	112
Suerent					712	710

Chia Geyong (Ffr.100)	870	870	Cie Bascarie	473.50	472.80	Vellie Montague	1600	1685
Chia Geyong (Ffr.100)	870	870	Cie. Occidentale	258.50	258	Cash Market		
Credit Suisse	2155	2141	Imoral	63.80	66.50	Assurances Gen.	7600	7660
Electrowatt	100	945	Nobel Corporation	765	771	Ford Motor	1200	1200
Electric	545	555	Oréal	745	751	Soc. Gen. Europe	3220	3230
Hoffman Part. Cert.	65750	66500	Roussel-UCLAF	373	389			
Hoffman (Small)	6750	6850	Schneider	142.30	159			
Interford R.	1395	1385	Shell Française	48.80	48.70			
Johnson (Fr. 100)	1395	1385	Group D					
Nestle (Ffr.100)	1400	1390	Beghin-Son	112.10	116			

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL		December 14		December 14	
Stock		December 13	December 14	Stock	
Allied Brothers	83 1/2	82 1/2	Amper-Amor Corp.	293	293
Ballcooks & Wilson	129	129	Amper-Amor, Gold	36 1/2	36 1/2
Bell & Howell	127 1/2	127 1/2	Asarco-Battam Tin	36 1/2	36 1/2
Berchman Group	61 1/2	61 1/2	Barlow Band	208	216
BICC	126 1/2	126 1/2	Bismuth	412 1/2	407 1/2
BIOG International	26 1/2	26 1/2	Bismuth-Rhodium Gold	214	21
Borg	68	19 1/2	Botswana	99 1/2	10
Bowater Corp.	172 1/2	174 1/2	Bracken	135 1/2	135 1/2
B.T. Industries	15 1/2	15 1/2	Bratton	174 1/2	174 1/2
Burns (Lidun) & Co.	380	376	Charter Capital	362	362
Cadbury Schweppes	143 1/2	143 1/2	Comol. Gold Fields	208	208
Cambridge Chemicals (Ind)	122	121	De Beers	300	300
Centronics	199	201	De Orléans	18 1/2	18 1/2
De La Rue	73 1/2	73 1/2	Free State Gold	377 1/2	377 1/2
Distillers Co.	122	121	General Mining	377 1/2	377 1/2
Dredging Holdings	146 1/2	140 1/2	Goldfields	392 1/2	392 1/2
EMIL	368	368	Harmony	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2
Fluoro	368	368	Hartley	13 1/2	13 1/2
Fluorochem	368	368	Kinross Gold Mng.	672 1/2	667 1/2
General Electric	333 1/2	333 1/2	Lundin & Co. Gold Mng.	620	620
Globe Hosiery	22 1/2	22 1/2	Minerals & Resources	162 1/2	162 1/2
Grain Macdonald	124 1/2	112 1/2	President Brand	58 1/2	58 1/2
Gu. Union, S.A.	310	308	President Steyn	98 1/2	98 1/2
Guinness Royal Ex.	252 1/2	253 1/2	Ruanou Co. Mines "B"	460	454
Hawker Siddeley	238	239 1/2	Selection Trust	92 1/2	90 1/2
Heuer "A"	219 1/2	219 1/2	Shibamoto	454	454
House of Fraser	126 1/2	126 1/2	Stillfield	417 1/2	417 1/2
ICI	84 1/2	84 1/2	Tungamahyong Conc.	146 1/2	146 1/2
Legal & General	145 1/2	145 1/2	Vanadium	274	274
Lloyds Bank	279 1/2	279 1/2	Vanadium Ex. Mng.	17 1/2	17 1/2
Lucas & Birt, Co.	69 1/2	69 1/2	Welland	33 1/2	33 1/2
Lucas (Industries)	299 1/2	299 1/2	Western Deep	510 1/2	510 1/2
Macmillan	307 1/2	307 1/2	Winkfield Mines	825	825
			Zandvoort Copper Ind.	12	11 1/2

Nat. Westminster	275 1/2	277 1/2
Phillips	98 1/2	98 1/2
Plenary Co.	815	810
Prudential Assur.	143 1/2	142 1/2
Ranch Organization	248	248
Reclad & Colman	458 1/2	458 1/2
Reed International	148 1/2	146 1/2
Rie Tinto Zinc Corp.	232 1/2	231 1/2
	370 1/2	370 1/2

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شركات النفط البريطانية

December 14

LONDON CLOSING OIL STOCKS

British Petroleum	922
Burmah Oil Co.	91

Alpha Insurance	30	30	Charnworth Ltd	30
Amalgamated	30	30	Charnworth Ltd	30
St. Ch's real Bank	428 ²	429 ¹	NCA International	36
Time & Life	378	378	London & Scottish Marine (Sd)	13
Time & Life	378	378	London & Scottish Marine (Ord)	13
Tulac Insurance Ltd	366	366	Oil Exploration	155
Tulac Investments	368	374	Premier Control, (Ord)	13
Turner & Nevill	172 ¹	143	Royal Dutch Petroleum	240.10
UDG Group	49	538	Shell	578 ¹
Unilever	543	543	Shell Transport	574
Vickers	194 ¹	195 ¹	Tricrest	579
Woolworth (S.W.)	65	65	Tricrest	221

المؤشر المالي الوطني للأسهم والعقود البريطانية						
FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES						
Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	A year ago
11	12	11	11	8	7	

Government Secs.	66.66	68.72	68.88	69.01	68.97	68.99	76.31
Fiscal Index	78.03	70.11	70.24	70.26	78.37	70.31	78.66
Financial Ordinary	477.9	488.7	488.4	492.3	493.3	491.5	479.0
Gold Mines	131.9	135.9	135.5	139.7	134.4	131.0	138.6
Gold Mines (Excl 5 pen)	96.7	97.4	98.6	100.1	97.2	95.0	101.3
Ord. Div. (Ind)	6.03	6.00	5.95	5.87	5.98	5.98	5.64
Earnings Yr 4th (Ind)*	15.92	15.85	15.70	15.80	15.25	15.39	17.05
P/E Ratio (Ind H*)	8.15	8.19	8.27	8.35	8.40	8.41	8.33
	1.94	1.478	1.480	1.492	1.316	1.411	1.317

Equity turnover ratio	72.32	60.17	67.59	97.93	87.66	69.10
Equity earnings ratio	—	14.69	14.64	16.425	15.395	16.465
Equity burgundy total	—	14,649	14,644	16,425	15,395	16,465

10 a.m. 478.4 11 a.m. 477.7 Noon 478.4 1 p.m. 477.9 2 p.m. 478.0 3 p.m. 478.0

Latest indices 01-344 8026.

* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. @ NR = 7.95.
 Banks 100 Govt. Secs. 15/10/26. Finest Int. 1928. Ind. Ord. 1/17/35.

Gold Mines 12/9/55. Ex-5 p.m. index started June, 1972. SE Ashbury July-Dec. 1942.

HIGHS AND LOWS **SE ACTIVITY**

	1978		Share Composition			Dec. 13	Dec. 12
	High	Low	High	Low			
Gert. Secs.	78.58	67.92	127.4	49.18	GR-Edged	151.2	144.9
	(18/11)	(18/11)	(31/126)	(31/175)	Industries	146.4	143.2
	31/21	69.38	159.4	50.35	Speculative	25.6	28.3
Phad Ind.	(9/11)	(13/11)	(28/114)	(31/175)	Totals	94.9	93.4
	536.5	433.4	549.3	49.4	5-day A/rage		
Ind. Ord.	(14/17)	(12/9)	(149/777)	(26/448)	GR-Edged	154.3	152.9

Gold Mines ...	206.6	134.1	442.3	43.5	Industrials ...	147.3	49.2
	(29/11)	(22/875)	(34/1071)		Specialinvest ...	11.1	30.9
Gold Mines ...	132.3	96.3	337.1	54.5	Totals ...	77.6	98.6
(Er-5 pmi)	(14/8)	(10/4)	(13/474)	(25/376)			

BASE LENDING RATES

A.B.N. Bank ...	12 1/2%	Greyhound Guaranty ...	12 1/2%
Allied Irish Banks Ltd.	12 1/2%	Grindlays Bank ...	12 1/2%
Bank of Montreal ...	12 1/2%	Colonial Bank ...	12 1/2%
Bank of New York ...	12 1/2%	Hambro Bank ...	12 1/2%

A. P. Bank Ltd.	12½%
Heavy Industries	12½%
India Cements Corp.	12½%
Indo-Asia Petroleum	12½%
Banco de Bilbao	12½%
Bank of Credit & Commerce	12½%
Bank of Cyprus	12½%
Bank of India W.	12½%
Banque Paribas Ltd.	12½%
Banques du Rhone	D
Barclays Bank	12½%
British Indes Co.	13½%
Chili Sumner	12½%
Citicorp Bank Co.	12½%
Julian S. Hodge	13¼%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	12½%
Industrial Bank of Scotland	12½%
Keyser Lumber	12½%
Lamson & Co. Ltd.	14¾%
Lloyds Bank	12½%
London Mercantile	12½%
Gerald Morgan Ltd.	14½%
Milford Bank	12½%

Brynner Holdings Ltd.	13 1/2%	Samuel Montagu	12 1/2%
Brill, Bank of Mid. Est.	12 1/2%	•Margaret Greenfield	12 1/2%
•Brown Shipley	12 1/2%	•Nelson Greenfield	12 1/2%
•Buckley's Int'l. Trust	12 1/2%	Norwich General Trust	12 1/2%
Cayzer Ltd.	12 1/2%	P. S. Refson & Co.	12 1/2%
Cedar Holdings	12 1/2%	Reimsamer Accept'g	12 1/2%
Chapman & Joseph	12 1/2%	Royal General Trust	12 1/2%
Chauhan Ltd.	12 1/2%	Schlesinger Limited	12 1/2%
C. E. Coates	12 1/2%	S. S. Schwab	13 1/2%
Commercial Credits	12 1/2%	Savory Trust Co.	12 1/2%
•Crest Bank	12 1/2%	Sherrin Trust	14 1/2%

Corinthian Securities	12 1/2%	Standard Chartered	12 1/2%
Credit Lyonnais	12 1/2%	Trade Dev. Bank	12 1/2%
The Cyprus Popular Bank	12 1/2%	Trustee Savings Bank	12 1/2%
Dominion Law Co.	12 1/2%	Twentieth Century Bank	12 1/2%
Equi Trust	12 1/2%	United Bank of Kuwait	12 1/2%
English Transoceanic	12 1/2%	Whitman's	12 1/2%
First Nat. Sec. Ltd.	12 1/2%	W. Williams & Glyn's	12 1/2%
First Nat. Sec. Ltd.	14	Yorkshire Bank	12 1/2%
Anthony Gibbs	12 1/2%		

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Today's Settling	Previous Closing	SOYABEAN MEAL		Today's Closing	Today's Change	COPPER		Today's Closing	Previous Closing
\$ per tonne				\$ per tonne				\$ per tonne	
1321	1320	December	124.00	121.50		Wirebars	778.50	781.00	
1191	1191	February	126.90	126.60		Cash	786.50	787.00	
1153	1148	April	126.50	126.30		Three months	771.00	771.00	
1125	1122	June	125.00	124.00		Settlement	771.00	771.00	
				124.70		Carbides			

100	1095	Angus	124.70		Cash	753.00	759.00
1000	1076	October	128.00	125.00	Three months	773.50	774.00
1045	1050	December	128.00	127.50	Settlement	755.50	

Today's Closing	Previous Closing	WOOL	Today's Closing	Previous Closing		Today's Closing	Previous Closing
\$ per long ton		Australian	Page per Kilo		TIN		
		Groceries					

\$83.50	May	227.6	239.0			(per tonne)
88.50	July	238.0	233.0	Standard		
14.25	October	235.0	239.0	Cash	6950	6950
113.50	December	238.0	241.0	Three months	6880	6880
20.00	March	245.0	248.0	Settlement	6955	—
124.25	May	245.0	248.0			
30.25	July	246.0	248.0	High Grade		
34.25	October	247.0	250.0	Cash	6950	6950
				Three months	6880	6880

Today's Closing per long ton	Previous Closing per long ton	Today's Closing per long ton	Previous Closing per long ton
10.00	109.50	115.00	415.00
13.00	112.75	116.00	416.00
16.00	116.75	117.00	417.00
20.00	119.75		

.....75	129.50		Cash	490.50	197
27.26	129.00		Three months	415.50	-
31.00			Settlement		

		Today's	Previous
		Closing	Closing
		Per troy ounce	
Cash	Barley	297.00	298.00
Three months	Yesterday's	302.50	306.00
Settlement	Closing	298.00	-

of our long run

		Today's	Previous
		Closing	Closing
		ZINC	

71.80	23.50				\$ per tonne	
73.95	25.90					48
76.40	28.48					38
79.10	31.38					
81.90	34.15					

ALUMINIUM		Today's Closing	Previous Closing	Cash	3 months	Southern
			\$ per tonne			
Three months	625.50	626.50				

France	8.6280-8.6380		
Belgium	59.35-59.45		
Italy	1665.50-1666.50		
Holland	4.0650-4.0750		
Switzerland	3.3375-3.3475		
U.S.	3.7500-3.7600		
		Opening Prices	
		STG	1.9740-1.9750
		BFR CON	30.87-30.88
			94.67-94.68

N. Germany	8,736.0-9,740.0	CAN	4,367.5-5,369.5
Sweden	10,127.5-10,137.5	PER	848.0-848.50
Norway	10,428.0-10,438.0	LIT	2,860.0-2,862.5
Denmark	37.55-27.60	SFR	1,980.0-1,991.0
Austria	92.20-92.60	DFL	1,980.0-1,982.0
Portugal	141.00-141.10	DMK	195.50-195.70
Spain	385.00-386.40	YEN	13.98-13.99
Japan		AUS, SCH	5,285.0-5,287.5
		DKR	

DOLLAR CROSS RATES			
Goldlev	2.0592	NKR	5.1310-5.1390
Belgian Franc	30.620	PORT	46.70-46.90
Deutschmark	1.9998	SKR	4.4185-4.4195
		BFR FIN	30.50-30.54
		SPAIN	71.30-71.40
		MEXICO	Unavailable
		Sir., one month 41-37 disc. two months 80-76 disc.	

Hong Kong Dollar	4.7786	three months 113-109 disc, six months 203-198 disc, twelve months 410-400 disc.
French Franc	4.3636	
Italian Lira	842.900	Cam: one month flat-2 prem, two months 3-5 prem, three months 8-10 prem, six months 40-44 prem, twelve months 76-86 prem.
Japanese Yen	195.360	
Swiss Franc	1.6912	

INTEREST RATES							
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U.S. Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
7.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

-8%	8%-9%	-7/16-5/16	3%-3%	0%-7%	14-15	3/16%-3/16
-8%	8%-9%	-7/16-5/16	3%-3%	7%-7%	12-14	-10%
-9%	9%-9%	-3/16-1/16	3 1/16%-3 1/16	0-0%	14-15	1 1/4%-1 1/4
-10%	9%-9%	-7/16-1/16	3 1/16%-3 1/16	9%-10%	10 15/16%-10 15/16	1-1%
-10%	9%-9%	0-0%	3 15/16%-3 15/16	9%-10%	14-15	14-2%
-10%	8%-8%	0-0%	4-4%	10%-10%	10 15/16%-11 1/16	2%-2%
-10%	8%-8%	0-0%	4-4%	10%-10%	11%-11%	2%-2%

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"NOW! I BET MR. WILSON WOULD GIVE ME FIVE BUCKS FOR ONE OF THOSE!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

ACROSS
DOWN

1 - vi
5 Parlor pastimes
10 "When I was
11 At cut-rate prices
12 Founder of stoicism
13 Thingamajig
14 Flightless bird
15 Obscure Greek letter
17 Arrange
19 In trim
20 Table scrap
21 Peace symbol
22 Make out
24 Dillard
25 Anchorage
26 Volary
27 Grampus
28 This is often "due"
32 Prefix for "new"
33 Asperity
34 - anti
35 Charms
37 Gossip
38 Japanese wild dog
39 Sidle
40 Vestibule
41 Bar order

DOWN
1 Perplexed
2 Varnish
3 Ingredient
4 Bustle
5 Folklore being
6 Kyushu's volcanic mt.
7 Sailed
8 Superlative in grammar
9 Tranquil
11 Pindar was one
15 Painter, Gustave
16 - barrel
21 - bread
22 Dwell
23 Ravine
24 One reply to a knock
25 Description
26 Subject
27 Society bad

Yesterday's Answer

15 Painter, Gustave
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

A X Y B L A A X X
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, spectrograms, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

KXWLVLC APQB, XPRWLVLC
APQB, OVT XZPTGLVC APQB
OUW ZBW ZBUWW ILDDOUX
YR DWOUVLVC - TLXUWDL

Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE MOST DIFFICULT THING IN THE WORLD TO ADMINISTER EFFECTIVELY IS LEISURE. - MANLY HALL

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Contract Bridge

Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the A-K-Q of diamonds, South following suit, and shifts to the ten of clubs. You cover with the queen and win. South's king with the ace. How would you play the hand?

2. This is one of those cases where making the contract is certain regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided. All you have to do is prepare for the possibility that North may have the king and queen of spades, and that South may have four or more hearts headed by the queen.

Start by cashing the A-K of clubs and continue by cashing the K-A of hearts. Now lead a spade from dummy, planning to finesse the ten if South follows low. If South produces the queen or king of spades instead, your worries are over. You win with the ace and concede a spade trick.

Let's assume your ten of spades loses to North's king or queen. In that case, he would hand you the contract with either a spade or a club return. If he leads a heart instead, he cannot do so without establishing at least one heart trick in dummy to follow by the ruff of a low card.

Tomorrow: Two chances are better than one.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Mecca	5:30	6:57	12:22	3:27	5:44	7:14
Medina	5:37	7:02	12:24	3:33	5:39	7:09
Nejd	5:02	6:32	11:50	2:50	5:06	6:36

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:30 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat, Heavy
5:30 Wide World Of Sports	No. 508
6:02 Waltons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wei. Bk Kotter	The Big Brother
7:25 Safety Film	One Of Our Sweathogs Is Missing
7:26 Police Woman	Take Notice
8:16 That's My Mama	Death Game
8:41 Second Run	Cliffons-Big Move
	Baxter

WEATHER

Cold weather in the evening in the northern areas and parts of the central region. Frost and fog in parts of the northern region from night to dawn.

Northerly winds in the east, central and western parts of the kingdom, raising some dust. Horizontal visibility reduced.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	27	17	Jizan	31	24
Jeddah	27	17	Hail	15	04
Riyadh	23	13	Tabuk	16	05
Dhahran	25	19	Rafha	18	06
Medina	19	09	Yanbu	25	13
Taif	19	05	Abha	19	08

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:45 Under the Limelight	10:30 Selection of Music
2:55 Music	11:00 World of Machines
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Press Review
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story
3:15 Music	11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
3:20 Music-Machines	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:30 Close Down	12:15 In the Quiet
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	12:30 VOA Magazine: America: Science: Cultural: Letter.
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	Midnight
	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8:30 *Sarah Ward	6.15 *Outlook
8:35 World Today	7.00 World News
9.00 Newswatch	7.09 Commentary
9.30 *Opera Star	7.15 *Sherlock Holmes
10.00 World News	7.45 World Today
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8.00 World News
10.30 *Sarah Ward	8.09 *Books and Writers
10.45 *Something to Show You	8.30 *Take One
11.00 World News	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.09 Reflections	9.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	9.09 News about Britain
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.00 World News	9.30 Farming World
12.09 British Press Review	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.15 World Today	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.30 Financial News	10.43 Look Ahead
12.40 Look Ahead	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11.00 World News
	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
	Midnight Transmission
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Stress the family unit and momentary tension at home will evaporate. You still can accomplish much today despite differences.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You may not arrive at a solution for a work-related problem. Drop it for the time being, and tune into the ideas of a close one.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Unintentionally you'll spend money today. It's just a question on what. Opt for a self-improvement program rather than expensive entertainment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

If you stayed up late you probably found the pre-dawn hours of today romantic. Around noon, though, there may be tension. Later, a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

Do something new around the house for your best progress. Be careful you don't say something you don't mean to a close one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You owe it to yourself to take advantage of social events today, but do set a limit on how much your willing to spend partying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Career developments work in your favor if you don't insist on your way. A longshot gamble may indeed pay off to your benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Advice you give another will be appreciated, but if you hit on a sore point, expect a highly emotional reaction. Be innovative in the p.m.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A friend may decide to drop out of an investment plan, but you can still safely go ahead. In the p.m., a close one may be uncertain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

It may be best to put career preoccupations aside today and then join others at a social function. New friends should be interesting.


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Save some time today to work on some of your pet projects. Stress an innovative approach, but do not expect others to approve your methods.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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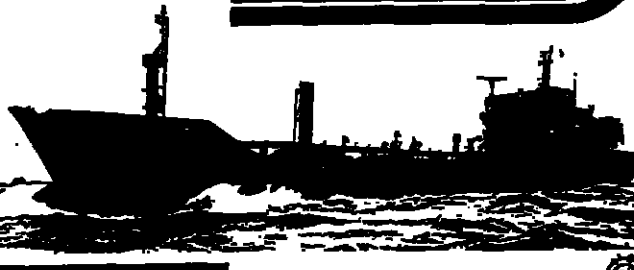
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Moderate coalition sweeps board in Namibian election

WINDHOEK, Dec. 15 (UPI) — An alliance of center-right whites and blacks pledged to end apartheid won a massive endorsement Friday in Namibia's first ever one man, one vote election.

The disputed poll held despite United Nations protests gave the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) an 82 per cent majority over four ultra-conservative parties that also fielded candidates.

The final results announced a week after the five days of voting closed credited the DTA with 268,130 of the 326,264 ballots cast. Its closest competitor, the pro-apartheid Afrikaner Party, gained 38,716 votes with 19,428 being shared by three smaller conservative splinter groups.

Of equal significance, elec-

tion officials said only 4,791 ballots were defaced or left blank as called for by the Southwest African Peoples Organization (SWAPO) and two other non-participating parties on the left.

In the voting, the people were being asked to pick a 50-man constituent assembly to write a constitution aimed at ending South African rule of Namibia, or Southwest Africa.

The breakdown in the polls gave the DTA a dominant 41 of these seats against six for Afrikaner and one each for the other parties.

But the announcement of the results was clouded by police reporting the assassination of a prominent black radio commentator by suspected SWAPO gunmen.

Police Commissioner Maj.

Gen. Victor Verster said Ti-moteus Namahuya was shot at the door of his house in a suburban black township Thursday night by an unknown man armed with a Soviet-made Tokarev pistol.

Namahuya headed a section of the state-run SABC radio station that specialized in broadcasting news in the Ovambo language. Before the election, SWAPO claimed these broadcasts were being used to push governmental propaganda aimed at influencing the voters and undermining support for SWAPO guerrillas along the northern border with Angola.

The death raised the toll from suspected political assassinations to 10 since the beginning of the year.



VOTING: Blacks, voting for the first time in Namibia, gave overwhelming approval in assembly elections to the multi-racial, moderate Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, it was announced Friday.

Missing German freighter feared lost with 28 aboard

HAMBURG, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — A British freighter has found a damaged empty lifeboat from the West German freighter Munchen, missing in the Atlantic with 28 people on board, it was reported Friday.

The ship's owners, Hapag-Lloyd, said that the lifeboat had been found Thursday night by the freighter King George, 400 miles north of the Azores.

The registration of the boat showed it belonged to the 37,134-ton Munchen.

Aircraft also have found three containers from the ship. It is one of the most modern West German freighters.

But six aircraft and 10 vessels found no trace Friday of the crew.

not ruled out that the Munchen might still be afloat, listing in heavy seas.

The 37,134-ton vessel was sailing from Bremen to Savannah, Georgia, with a crew of 27 and the wife of one of the officers. It was carrying a 23,000-ton cargo.

A Hapag-Lloyd spokesman said he thought the debris came from the stern of the vessel and had been washed overboard by the heavy waves.

There was no sign of the crew, the spokesman said.

Ships and coastal radio sta-

tions received an SOS from the vessel Tuesday night. On Wednesday weak and intermittent signals were heard by the King George, but Hapag-Lloyd said they could have come from one of the Munchen's life boats.

The vessel's crew was composed of 20 Germans, two Austrians, two Turks, a Chinese, a Spaniard and a Malaysian.

The ship's captain, Hans Danekamp, a 48-year-old bachelor, has commanded the Munchen for 10 years.

Poster patience wanes in China

PEKING, Dec. 15 (R) — A string of slogans and a poster appeared on Peking's "Democracy Wall" Friday claiming that police were cracking down on the city's free speech campaign.

Written in bold characters, they alleged that two people were arrested in front of the wall two days ago and taken to Communist Party headquarters for questioning.

It was the first time foreigners in Peking had heard of any detentions in connection with the poster campaign.

Two arrests alleged

The poster could frighten off aspiring poster writers, heralding the end of the week-long campaign.

It has revolved around China's version of democracy and the state of the legal system. Some posters have complained that the Chinese people do not have human rights and the position of some leaders has been questioned.

The authors of Friday's poster wrote that he came to Democracy Wall on Wednesday morning and found a man in a green militia overcoat copying down license numbers of cycles parked there.

He continued that a student who challenged the man in the overcoat and a bystander were apprehended and driven away to "party headquarters."

He said the man in the green coat had then told a crowd which had formed that he was "a cadre of Political Security of the Western District Public Security Bureau (police)."

The banners accompanying the posters proclaimed "we want socialist democracy, we don't want the KGB," "we want stability and unity, we don't want blue terror (police action)," "we must severely punish the plainclothes man Luo Cheng-ming of the Western District Public Security Bureau who knowingly violated the law" and "don't trample on our constitution."

China's new constitution, adopted earlier this year, gives people the right to put up posters. This was reaffirmed by Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping last month when he said the poster campaign showed the nation's political stability.

But Teng gave a signal to cool the campaign when he added that some statements made on "Democracy Wall" were not in the interest of unity and stability and that he did not agree with all of them.

Red Brigades return in wave of violence across Italian cities

TURIN, Dec. 15 (UPI) — Red Brigades gunmen killed two policemen in this northern city Friday and two other persons were wounded in attacks at Bologna and near Venice in a new explosion of political violence in Italy.

The two policemen, guarding the entrance of Turin's heavily fortified main prison, were shot to death by machine-gun fire from at least three Red Brigades gunmen in a speeding automobile, officers said.

54 days later.

Massacring

In Venice, the president of a bank was shot in the leg by two masked men and a Bologna police lieutenant was wounded while trying to stop ultra-leftist demonstrators from burning cars and smashing windows.

Bank President Franco Pili was shot in the leg as he was standing in a pharmacy at Mulise del Fiave near Venice by two men who burst into the store and made their getaway in a waiting car.

In Bologna, the police lieutenant was shot in the left leg when he and other officers tried to quell a demonstration as several hundred ultra-leftists protesting youth unemployment and proposed educational reforms.

In Rome, a time bomb explosion caused heavy damage to a neighborhood office of the Christian Democratic Party — the third bombing of an office of the ruling party in three days.

Dawn

Officers said the two policemen, Salvatore Lanza, 21, and Salvatore Porceddu, 22, were sitting in a van 50 yards from the jail's main entrance just before dawn when a red Fiat with three men inside sped around a corner, spraying machine-gun fire as it approached them. They were killed instantly.

An hour after the attack, an anonymous male telephone caller told the newspaper "Gazzetta del Popolo" the killings were carried out by the Red Brigades.

A Day After

The two guards had been assigned to patrol the prison only two months ago and their unit was the one that guarded a nearby police barracks where Red Brigades leaders were tried and convicted on terrorism charges last June.

The attack came a day after authorities formally accused 14 Red Brigades members of kidnapping Aldo Moro last March 16 and dumping his bullet-riddled body on a Rome street.

Spanish express derailed; at least 6 reported killed

MANZANARES, Spain, Dec. 15 (UPI) — Coaches of the crack Madrid-Cadiz Talgo train derailed Friday while passing through this town in the La Mancha region of central Spain.

First reports said six to eight passengers were killed and an undetermined number were injured.

The accident happened at 4:30 p.m. as the train passed through the Manzanares station. Witnesses said it appeared that one of the coaches uncoupled at a switching point.

Railroad rescue crews and equipment were dispatched from Madrid to Manzanares.

Babel rules as strike stops U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (R) — United Nations interpreters called a wildcat strike Friday, causing cancellation of a scheduled meeting of the General Assembly.

Officials said only Soviet nationals on the staff showed up for work.

Almost 45 minutes after the Assembly meeting should have begun, Undersecretary-General William Buffum announced that it could not take place.

Because translators and typists in the languages section also stopped work, delegates arriving for the morning meeting found themselves without the documents they needed for the debate.

Lord Snowdown takes new bride

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Lord Snowdown, former husband of Princess Margaret, Friday married Lucy Lindsay-Hogg in a civil ceremony in Kensington, central London.

Snowdown's 18-year marriage to Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth, ended in divorce in July on the grounds

that it had irretrievably broken down.

Snowdown's new bride was formerly married to television producer Michael Lindsay-Hogg. Their childless marriage was dissolved in 1971.

The willowy brunette, who works as a film researcher and collaborates professionally with Lord Snowdown, a photographer, now becomes Countess of Snowdown.

Mrs. Lindsay-Hogg grew up in a village in Co. Wicklow in the Irish Republic, where her parents had a dress-designing business.

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Lord Snowdown
No member of the royal family attended the ceremony at the civil marriage office, just off Kensington High Street.

Sultan to open administrative talks

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan opens the first annual conference of the Arab Organization for Administrative Sciences Saturday to discuss administrative development in the Arab world. Arab delegations have begun arriving in Riyadh for the conference.

Yemen head praises Saudi Arabia

MUSCAT, Dec. 15 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Lt. Col. Ali Abdullah Saleh has hailed Saudi-Yemeni relations, describing them as "special and wide ranging." The president praised Saudi Arabia's assistance which is helping finance Yemen's development projects. Saleh recently visited Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Iraqi frontier chief arriving today

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Commander of the Iraqi Frontier Force Brig. Gen. Najm Abdulla Zaidan is to arrive Saturday on an official three-day visit to the Kingdom. He will be received at the airport by General Abdulla Al-Sheikh, commander of the Saudi frontier force and coast guard.

Shaer urges Lebanon arms recall

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Sheikh Ali Al-Sheikh said "collecting arms now in irresponsible hands" is essential. Shaer said the Arab follow-up committee hopes to put an end to the "tragic situation in the country." He said Saudi Arabia would stand by Lebanon until peace is restored.

Chad communications aide leaves

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Chad's Minister of Communications and Planning Muhammad Saleh left Friday at the conclusion of a short visit. He met officials of the Islamic Development Bank on development projects in Chad.

From page one

Yamani

Jaidah also told reporters that reductions of oil production in Iran will have no immediate effect on OPEC pricing. But he said that he was optimistic that Iranian oil production will pick up again, and that other OPEC countries in any case could raise their production to "alleviate the problem" of declining Iranian output.

At his news conference, Jaidah said Iran's oil problems won't affect the price decision because "we don't consider the results of accidents — political or otherwise." But noting OPEC's ability to make up Iranian losses if necessary, he said the organization, which now produces 31-32 million barrels per day, could boost production to 37 million barrels per day.

Jaidah said the conference here will also discuss a report

by Kuwait's oil minister Sheikh Ali Khalfan Al-Sabah on possibly replacing the dollar as the unit for pricing oil.

An independent adviser to the OPEC's economic commission said Friday the oil ministers might decide to increase oil prices by a maximum of 10 per cent spread over 1979 at their meeting.

In a Paris radio interview, oil expert Nicolas Sarkis said OPEC was likely to agree on a price rise of five per cent or a little less from Jan. 1. He said the remainder of the increase would be introduced gradually during the next 12 months.

Sarkis added that any price increase would only partially compensate for inflation since OPEC oil prices were last raised in January 1977.

Saudi

Jeddah during a tour of the city.

Officials told him Saudi desalination plants will be producing 500 million gallons of water and 7810 megawatts of electricity at the end of the

Dany

— which began at 7 p.m. (1700 GMT) Thursday night and lasted until early Friday — an extraordinary alliance of Christian, Muslim, leftist, government and diplomatic forces combined to contain the crisis.

At length, Chamoun and the other two rightists were hustled out the main door of the hospital while a diversion was created at a side entrance and personally accompanied to the "green zone" dividing east and west Beirut by a high-ranking aide of Arafat.

SRMC

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